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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009 BEGINS ON PAGE 139.]

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I  
7   WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE. WE WILL HAVE OUR  
8   INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THIS MORNING, WE ARE  
9   HONORED . FOR OUR INVOCATION TO HAVE BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE  
10  FROM THE WEST LOS ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST TO LEAD US  
11  IN THE INVOCATION, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,  
12  WHICH WILL BE LED BY HILARIO GONZALES, MEMBER FRANK C. MARPE  
13  CHAPTER NUMBER 44, THE EL MONTE, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.  
14  BISHOP BLAKE.

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16  **BISHOP CHARLES BLAKE:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS LORD, WE BOW OUR  
17  HEADS AND OUR HEARTS IN RECOGNITION OF A WORLD BEYOND THE  
18  WORLD WE SEE AND TOUCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR BEHAVIOR IN  
19  THIS WORLD IS APPROPRIATE ONLY WHEN IT'S GUIDED BY THE GOD WHO  
20  REACHES FROM THE WORLD BEYOND INTO OUR WORLDLY DILEMMAS. WE  
21  NOT ONLY THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE WHICH YOU'VE EXTENDED TO US,  
22  WE MAKE THAT LOVE THE FOUNDATION AND SOURCE OF OUR FAITH AND  
23  HOPE. WE THANK YOU FOR BOUNTIFUL PROVISIONS FOR THE PROSPERITY  
24  OF THIS NATION. BUT EVEN IN A DEPRESSION, IT IS THE MOST  
25  PROSPEROUS NATION ON EARTH. HELP US TO LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR



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1 FELLOW MAN EVEN AS YOU'VE LOVED AND CARED FOR US. GIVE US THE  
2 STRENGTH TO FOLLOW THE COUNSEL OF THAT LOVE UNTIL THE GOAL OF  
3 ONE FAMILY, ONE BROTHERHOOD, ONE RACE, THE HUMAN RACE, IS ALL  
4 WE THINK OF OR PERCEIVE. WE SUBMIT TO YOUR WISDOM IN THE  
5 AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT. WE SUBMIT TO YOUR COMPASSION IN OUR  
6 HEARTS. WE ASK FOR EACH MAN AND EACH WOMAN YOUR PEACE, YOUR  
7 PROVISION, YOUR ABUNDANT LIFE. EVEN AS YOU'VE MADE THEM WISE  
8 AND INFLUENTIAL IN THE AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTY, MAKE THEM WISE  
9 IN THE THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO THEIR OWN SPIRITS, THEIR  
10 FAMILIES, THEIR GOD. GRANT THEM PROTECTION AND HEALTH. HELP  
11 ALL OF US TO MAKE OUR COUNTY THE MODEL OF WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE  
12 A COUNTY TO BE. AMEN.

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14 **HILARIO GONZALES:** LET'S FACE THE FLAG FOR THE PLEDGE OF  
15 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND  
20 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE NOT ONLY DELIGHTED, BUT HONORED TO HAVE WITH  
21 US TODAY BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE  
22 CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, REPRESENTING SOME 6 MILLION  
23 CONGREGANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE  
24 JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN  
25 CALIFORNIA COMPRISED OF MORE THAN 250 CHURCHES. WE KNOW HIM AS





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1 THE PASTOR OF THE WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST WITH  
2 SOME 24,000 PLUS MEMBERS. BISHOP BLAKE HAS DISTINGUISHED  
3 HIMSELF AS AN EXTRAORDINARY PULPITEER. HIS HOMILETICAL SKILLS  
4 ARE BEYOND WHAT MOST OF US ARE ORDINARILY ACCUSTOMED TO  
5 EXPERIENCING-- ACCUSTOMED TO EXPERIENCE. AND I WOULD SIMPLY  
6 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN HIM ON ANY SUNDAY  
7 MORNING, CRENSHAW AND EXPOSITION, AT THE CATHEDRAL WHERE YOU  
8 WILL INDEED BE BLESSED. THE FOLLOWING CHAIR OF THE CHARLES H.  
9 MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, A LEADING VOICE ON THE MATTER OF  
10 SAVE AFRICA'S CHILDREN, A MISSION THAT HE HAS TAKEN UP WITH  
11 EXTRAORDINARY INTENSITY TO HELP THOSE YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE  
12 ORPHANAGED. HE'S DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN A WIDE VARIETY OF  
13 WAYS, THE PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER AT BOSTON  
14 UNIVERSITY, A HARVARD FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN MEDAL FOR HIS  
15 WORK. AND HE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE THE LOVING HUSBAND  
16 OF THE ONE AND ONLY MAE LAWRENCE BLAKE. THE BISHOP HAS THREE  
17 CHILDREN, ONE WHO IS HERE, LAWRENCE AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN.  
18 WE ARE EXTREMELY DELIGHTED ON THIS SPECIAL DAY DURING AFRICAN-  
19 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH TO HAVE THE ONE AND ONLY CHARLES E.  
20 BLAKE PROVIDE US WITH THE INVOCATION. BISHOP, THANK YOU SO  
21 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT  
2   A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HILARIO GONZALES. HILARIO IS  
3   A MEMBER OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE  
4   SERVED ON THE U.S.S. HECTOR WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM  
5   1972 TO 1975 IN VIETNAM. HIS COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE GOOD  
6   CONDUCT MEDAL, INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE  
7   VIETNAM STAR MEDAL WITH TWO STARS AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
8   CAMPAIGN MEDAL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR  
9   APPRECIATION TO MR. GONZALES FOR THE HONORABLE SERVICE THAT HE  
10   PROVIDED TO OUR COUNTRY. AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN OUR  
11   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.]

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13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK WE  
14   WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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16   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
17   BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
18   MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
19   2-D.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR  
22   WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
25   AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
6 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
15 ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9  
18 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
19 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AS  
25 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH





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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY  
2 17TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED, TO BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, AS INDICATED ON THE  
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS  
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES  
13 NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS  
14 THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE  
15 ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 24TH, 2009.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECTIVE ACTION SO ORDERED TO BE  
18 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE  
21 BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25 ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 17, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,  
3 ITEM NUMBER 30. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE  
4 RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETING  
6 AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF  
7 ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
8 FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION STUDIES. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S  
9 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. RELATED TO ITEM NUMBER 9, SO  
12 ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 31 AND 32. ON ITEM  
15 NUMBER 31 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM  
16 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 17TH, 2009.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 32, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A  
22 DISCUSSION.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
2   WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
3   INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 33-A,  
4   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
5   ITEM.

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7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
10   AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
11   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? WE HAVE SEVERAL JOINT  
14   PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE ONE THOSE RARITIES TODAY THAT THE FIRST  
15   COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS ARE JOINT PRESENTATIONS BY ALL OF US  
16   UP HERE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO, AS WAS MENTIONED AS WE  
17   CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, TO ASK ALICE  
18   HUFFMAN, WHO IS THE N.A.A.C.P. NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER AND  
19   CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. ALSO NAOMI RAINEY,  
20   CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECRETARY, PRESIDENT OF LONG BEACH  
21   BRANCH AND A GOOD FRIEND. RON HASSAN, THE SOUTHEAST SECTION  
22   DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF BEVERLY HILLS-HOLLYWOOD BRANCH, AND  
23   WE HAVE OTHER LOS ANGELES COUNTY N.A.A.C.P. PRESIDENTS AND  
24   CHAPTER MEMBERS. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
25   THE N.A.A.C.P. AND THAT WILL HAPPEN ON FEBRUARY 12TH. THE



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1 N.A.A.C.P. WILL BECOME 100 YEARS OLD. THE N.A.A.C.P. IS THE  
2 NATION'S OLDEST AND LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. THE  
3 N.A.A.C.P. HEADQUARTERS BASED IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ALONG  
4 WITH ITS 1,700 UNITS NATIONWIDE, WILL BE HOSTING CELEBRATIONS  
5 AND OBSERVANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ENDING ON FEBRUARY 12TH,  
6 2010. THESE CELEBRATIONS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE  
7 THAT THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION HAS PLAYED IN LEADING SOCIAL  
8 CHANGE HERE IN AMERICA. THE N.A.A.C.P. IS BUILT ON THE  
9 COLLECTIVE COURAGE OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES,  
10 NATIONALITIES AND FACE UNITED IN ONE PREMISE THAT ALL MEN AND  
11 WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
12 N.A.A.C.P., AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY THE PRESIDENTS OF 11  
13 BRANCHES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
14 RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALLY FROM THE DIFFERENT AREAS BY MY  
15 COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVE WORKED CONSCIENTIOUSLY WITH ON GOING  
16 ACTIVISM AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN ORDER MAKE A STRONG AND  
17 TRUE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND THE LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, EXTEND  
19 CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS VERY SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY. SO,  
20 FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE AND THEN ALLOW MY  
21 COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME. FROM THE LONG BEACH BRANCH, NAOMI  
22 RAINEY AND JESSE JOHNSON. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
25 COLLEAGUES. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN SALUTING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR  
2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AS IT MARKS ITS CENTENNIAL  
3 CELEBRATION AND ANNIVERSARY. I WANT TO SAY THAT BEING A LIFE  
4 MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. MEANS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT AS IT  
5 RELATES TO THE HISTORY OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS  
6 CONTRIBUTION TO CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUAL RIGHTS AND ESSENTIALLY THE  
7 DEMOCRATIZATION OF AMERICA. THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION WHO HAS  
8 FOUGHT LONGER AND HARDER ON THE BASIC QUESTIONS OF ALTERING  
9 THE CONSTITUTION SO THAT IT PROVIDES EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER  
10 THE LAW, THE APPROPRIATE VOTING RIGHTS ACTS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
11 GENERALLY SPEAKING. AND SO IT'S MY HONOR TO SALUTE FOUR  
12 PRESIDENTS WHO REPRESENT THE SECOND DISTRICT AND TO ENCOURAGE  
13 THEM IN THE WORK THEY DO. I BEGIN WITH OLIVIA VARRETTE WHO IS  
14 THE PRESIDENT OF CARSON TORRANCE BRANCH AND MEMBERS ODELIA  
15 AUSTIN, AND ARLENE HARRISON. SO FROM THE CARSON BRANCH OF THE  
16 N.A.A.C.P., ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, WE PRESENT YOU  
17 WITH THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] MR.  
18 PRESIDENT AND COLLEAGUES, NOW FROM THE COMPTON BRANCH, BOTH  
19 SAM CUNNINGHAM AND KATIE MATTHEWS, PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF  
20 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THAT WOULD BE KATIE MATTHEWS, A.K.A  
21 ALICE HUFFMAN. THEN FROM THE INGLEWOOD SOUTH GRAY BRANCH,  
22 MITCH WILLIAMS, ANNE SUKINA WILLIAMS, SECRETARY OF THE BRANCH.  
23 AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE INGLEWOOD. IS INGLEWOOD IN THE  
24 HOUSE? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, INGLEWOOD. LET'S AGAIN WELCOME  
25 MS. SUKINA WILLIAMS, A.K.A ALICE HUFFMAN. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN





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1   THERE'S A BRANCH KNOWN AS LOS ANGELES. THE PRESIDENT IS LEON  
2   JENKINS. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE HIM HERE TODAY. ON  
3   BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
4   SUPERVISORS, WE MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE LOS ANGELES  
5   BRANCH N.A.A.C.P., CELEBRATING 100 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] THANK  
6   YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR TO  
11   WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE OF THE BRANCHES THAT ARE IN  
12   THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, OF THE SANTA  
13   MONICA VENICE BRANCH OF THE N.A.A.C.P., REPRESENTED HERE TODAY  
14   BY ITS PRESIDENT, DARRYL GUDE AND VICE PRESIDENT BECKY  
15   LANTREY. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, THE BEVERLY HILLS/HOLLYWOOD BRANCH  
16   OF THE N.A.A.C.P., RON HASSAN. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE  
17   N.A.A.C.P. IMAGE AWARDS, WHICH I THINK MOST ANGELINOS AND  
18   AMERICANS ARE FAMILIAR WITH, WERE INITIATED ORIGINALLY 40  
19   YEARS AGO THIS YEAR BY THE BEVERLY HILLS/HOLLYWOOD BRANCH. SO  
20   FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WILLIS EDWARDS AND NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER  
21   WILLIS EDWARDS AND MY FRIEND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME, GREAT  
22   ACTIVIST AND LEADER IN THIS COMMUNITY. BUT I DID WANT TO  
23   ACKNOWLEDGE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMAGE AWARDS STARTED  
24   BY THIS CHAPTER. SO BOTH OF YOU, WILLIS AND RON, LET ME  
25   PRESENT THIS TO YOU BOTH. I HAVE ONE MORE. AND THAT IS THE SAN



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2 PRESIDENT SHARON GARRETT. AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN ALFREDA  
3 CARTON. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A GREAT DEAL,  
6 PLEASURE AND HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE  
7 N.A.A.C.P. FOR THE PAST 100 YEARS AND HAVING THREE OF THE  
8 CHAPTERS THAT ARE IN MY DISTRICT BE WITH US TODAY. THE  
9 HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL WITH HUNTINGTON MUSEUM NOW HAS THIS MONTH  
10 A WONDERFUL DISPLAY ON LINCOLN'S LEGACY, ORIGINAL PAPERS AND  
11 ARTIFACTS THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO ATTEND. BUT AMONG MY  
12 STAFF, I HAVE THE SON OF CONGRESSMAN ALFONSO BELL WHO LED THE  
13 FIGHT FOR THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS BILL IN CONGRESS, WHICH THE  
14 N.A.A.C. RECOGNIZED SENATOR EVERETT DIRKSEN, MINORITY LEADER,  
15 REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, FOR HIS  
16 LEADERSHIP, AND GAVE HIM THE ROY WILKINS AWARD FOR THAT  
17 HISTORIC 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION THAT WAS ENACTED. SO  
18 WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT TONY IS WITH US CARRYING ON IN HIS  
19 FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS. FROM THE ALTADENA CHAPTER, WHERE I'M A  
20 PROUD LIFE MEMBER OF, WE HAVE BARBARA BIGBY WHO IS THE  
21 PRESIDENT, WE HAVE ALONG WITH CHARLES PULLIAM, THE FIRST VICE  
22 PRESIDENT AND CELESTE ECKLEY-- EXCUSE ME, LENONA SEDAN WHO IS  
23 THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENT. AND WE HAVE THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR  
24 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THAT THEY'RE DOING



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1   HELPING THE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL TALENTS AND  
2   THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS TO ACHIEVE.

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE I HAVE THE  
5   OPPORTUNITY, JOINING THE CARSON/TORRANCE DELEGATION IS ALTHEA  
6   FRIDAY. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE WAS APPROPRIATELY  
7   ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HER CONTRIBUTION OF THAT BRANCH OF THE  
8   N.A.A.C.P.. SO THANK YOU, ALTHEA.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE HAVE JUAN  
11   BLANCO, WHO'S THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12   CHAPTER. AND WE HAVE CELESTE ECKLEY WHO IS HERE. AND WE DIDN'T  
13   HAVE SNOW THIS WEEK, BUT LAST MONTH WE GOT SNOW. WE HAD SNOW  
14   TODAY. IT'S BACK AGAIN. AND I HAVE TO RECOGNIZE MY CLASSMATE  
15   FROM THE UNIVERSITY, WILLIS EDWARDS, WHERE WE'VE REMAINED  
16   FRIENDS FROM THE CAMPUS TO OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, AND FOR  
17   MANY YEARS, HE WORKED VERY WELL WITH CONGRESSWOMAN-- ANOTHER  
18   ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES, DIANE WATSON. SO CAL. STATE L.A. IS  
19   WELL REPRESENTED WITH OUR SHERIFF, WITH OUR TAX ASSESSOR AND  
20   OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND WE'RE ALL KIND OF CLASSMATES AT THE  
21   SAME TIME. AND FROM THE PASADENA CHAPTER, WHO'S BEEN QUITE  
22   INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE JOE BROWN FOR  
23   HIS LEADERSHIP, WHO ALSO SERVES AS A COMMISSION IN THE  
24   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT COMPTON IS IN  
2    THE HOUSE, AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COME AND JOIN FOR THE  
3    PANORAMIC PHOTO.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO DO A GROUP PICTURE. BUT  
6    BEFORE THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK RON HASSAN TO JOIN ME UP HERE.  
7    HE IS THE SOUTHWEST AREA CHAIRMAN OF THE N.A.A.C.P.. AND I'M  
8    GOING TO ALSO ASK ALICE HUFFMAN TO JOIN ME, AS WELL, TOO. THIS  
9    IS FOR THE SOUTHWEST AREA, AND SORT OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING  
10   SCROLL TO EVERYONE. RON, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND  
11   AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS, 100 YEARS. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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13   **ALICE HUFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND THE  
14   MEMBERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND OUR SOUTHWEST AREA. I ASSURE YOU  
15   THAT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE WILL HAVE 11 OF OUR BRANCHES  
16   HONORED IN ONE CEREMONY, BUT IT CAN ONLY HAPPEN IN LOS  
17   ANGELES. ONLY IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE 100. AND WE HAVE DONE  
18   MANY, MANY GREAT THINGS, BUT WE DID NOT DO IT ALONE. WE DID  
19   WITH IT THE HELP OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL LIKE YOURSELVES. AND I  
20   WAS JUST THANKING ONE SUPERVISOR FOR THE HISTORY LESSON. WE  
21   WILL CELEBRATE ALL YEAR, BUT WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.  
22   WE BELIEVE WE MADE AMERICA BETTER BY HAVING \_\_\_\_\_  
23   CALIFORNIA, BY HAVING THE NATIONAL N.A.A.C.P. AND I AM SO  
24   PROUD. I DID NOT COME TO STEAL THE THUNDER, I CAME TO SUPPORT  
25   THESE UNITS. I CALL THEM THE RETAILERS OF THE N.A.A.C.P.



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1    THEY'RE THE ONES IN YOUR COMMUNITIES MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR  
2    PEOPLE WHO TURN TO US BECAUSE WE ARE THE LAST HOPE. AND SO I  
3    WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THEM. I GO AROUND THE  
4    STATE TO ALL OF THEIR EVENTS AND I FIND YOU ALL AT EACH EVENT,  
5    AND I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE GREAT LOCAL SUPPORT. AND I WANT TO  
6    GIVE YOU A SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. SUPERVISOR FOR COORDINATING  
7    THIS AND MR. THOMAS FOR HIS EXTRA EFFORTS THAT HIS OFFICE DID  
8    TO MAKE THIS WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF I COULD HAVE MY COLLEAGUES JOIN ME,  
11    WE'LL DO A GROUP PHOTO HERE.

12

13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE MORE TIME, ROUND OF APPLAUSE, 100  
14    YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] WE WANT TO AGAIN THANK EVERYBODY FOR MAKING  
15    THE EFFORT TO GET DOWN HERE. WE KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET 11  
16    DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS ALL IN ONE ROOM. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE  
17    FORTUNATE ENOUGH ONCE AGAIN TO HAVE ANOTHER JOINT PRESENTATION  
18    ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES. TODAY WE ARE  
19    CELEBRATING NOT THE 100TH BUT THE 29TH ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST  
20    CONDUCTED BY OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. SINCE  
21    1980, THE COUNTY LIBRARY WITH SUPPORT FROM PEN-TEL OF AMERICA  
22    HAS CONDUCTED THIS CONTEST TO ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN'S  
23    ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND TO ALLOW THEM TO SHARE THEIR JOY OF  
24    BOOKS AS WELL AS THE WRITTEN WORD. THIS YEAR, ALMOST 10,000  
25    CHILDREN FROM ACROSS THIS GREAT COUNTY ENTERED THE





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1 COMPETITION. MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED AFTER SEEING  
2 CONTEST INFORMATION ON THE LIBRARY'S WEB PAGE. ALL OF THE  
3 CHILDREN CREATED ORIGINAL BOOKMARK DESIGNS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR  
4 LOVE OF BOOKS, READING AND THE LIBRARY. THE OFFICIAL THEME  
5 THIS YEAR WAS "READ TO WIN." TODAY WE HAVE WITH US CHILDREN  
6 FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY WHOSE BOOKMARK ENTRIES WERE SELECTED AS  
7 WINNERS BECAUSE OF THEIR ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY. AND AS I  
8 TOLD THE KIDS UPSTAIRS, I KNOW THAT THEY'RE WINNERS AND THEY  
9 GOT HERE, BUT THEY HAVE TO REALIZE JUST HOW WELL THEY DID  
10 BECAUSE EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GETS A VOLUME  
11 ABOUT THIS THICK OF BOOKMARKS THAT WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND  
12 PICK OUT WINNERS IN EACH OF THE AGE BRACKETS. SO WE'RE REALLY  
13 PROUD OF THEM. WE CHOOSE THE WINNERS, AS I SAID, FROM VARIOUS  
14 AGE GROUPS: KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE, GRADE THREE  
15 THROUGH GRADE FIVE. GRADE SIX THROUGH GRADE EIGHT. IN ADDITION  
16 TO THE SPECIAL GIFTS THAT THEY RECEIVE FROM THE COUNTY  
17 LIBRARY, THE CHILDREN'S BOOKMARKS WERE PRINTED BY PEN-TEL.  
18 EACH SUPERVISOR WILL BE PRESENTING NOT ONLY A SCROLL TO EACH  
19 OF OUR WINNERS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO RECEIVE AN ENVELOPE  
20 CONTAINING V.I.P. TICKETS TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF  
21 NATURAL HISTORY, AS WELL AS OUR MUSEUM OF ART. SO IT'S REALLY  
22 A PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR ALL OF US TO HONOR THESE TALENTED  
23 YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY. AND THEY ALSO GET A STACK, AS YOU CAN SEE,  
24 PEN-TEL, WHEN THEY PRINT IT, THESE ARE SEALED. SO THEY ARE  
25 GREAT BOOKMARKS. I'M GOING TO BEGIN. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE



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1 WINNERS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, FIRST OF ALL. I HAVE HANNAH  
2 CASSIDAY, FOURTH GRADE. ARTESIA PUBLIC LIBRARY. SORT OF  
3 SPECIAL TO HAVE HANNAH BACK HERE. HANNAH, HERE'S A STACK AND  
4 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS GIFT. BUT I HAVE THIS PRESENTATION  
5 TO HANNAH. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HANNAH IS A RETURN WINNER.  
6 SHE WON WHEN SHE WAS IN KINDERGARTEN. NOW HERE SHE IS BACK AS  
7 A FOURTH GRADER. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS JENNIFER TURONG, EIGHTH  
8 GRADE, BRACKENSACK PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM THE GREAT CITY OF  
9 BELLFLOWER. JENNIFER, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAD  
10 ANOTHER WINNER IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT BUT COULDN'T JOIN US  
11 TODAY. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH CAMPOS, SECOND GREAT,  
12 SOUTH WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA.  
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WELL, IT IS INDEED MY HONOR TO MAKE  
16 THESE PRESENTATIONS. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH SOME  
17 OF THE STUDENTS AND THE VERY, VERY PROUD PARENTS. EVERY YEAR  
18 THIS BOOKMARK CONTEST IS AMAZING. I'M TOLD THIS YEAR THAT OVER  
19 10,000 PARTICIPANTS FROM OUR LIBRARIES. IT'S AMAZING THAT  
20 THESE CHILDREN ARE THE WINNERS AMONG 10,000. AND FOR ALL OF US  
21 IN OUR DISTRICT, IT WAS TOUGH. IN LINING ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL  
22 BOOKMARKS THAT WERE THERE TO DECIDE AND MAKE THE SELECTION OF  
23 THE VERY BEST. AND THEY WERE ALL WONDERFUL. THIS YEAR'S THEME  
24 OF "READ TO WIN," "LEER PARA GANAR," WAS REALLY AN  
25 INSPIRATIONAL ONE AND YOU CAN TELL BY THE WORK THAT WAS DONE.



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1 LET ME INTRODUCE OUR WINNER, KENYA SALINAS. KENYA IS A FIRST  
2 GRADER FROM HELIOTROPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE IS A  
3 PATRON OF THE MAYWOOD CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IS HERE  
4 TODAY WITH HER FRIENDS AND HER FAMILY. WE'RE SO VERY PROUD.  
5 KENYA, WE'RE HONORED TO GIVE YOU THIS PRESENTATION.  
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. HER BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK IS REALLY  
7 EXCITING. SHE DID A WHOLE PIRATE THEME ABOUT FINDING THE  
8 LIBRARY. IT'S VERY, VERY BEAUTIFUL. CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S  
9 SIGNED BY ALL THE SUPERVISORS. JOIN ME IN THANKING KENYA.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE MINERVA IS GOING TO JOIN ME. WE'LL DO  
11 MINERVA RIGHT NOW. MINERVA IS OUR SEVENTH GRADER FROM TORCH  
12 MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL. OKAY, I'VE GOT GABRIELLA HERE. OKAY. I'M  
13 GOING TO DO GABRIELLA RIGHT NOW. EXCUSE ME. GABRIELLA GREEN IS  
14 A FIFTH GRADER FROM HAMILL STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND SHE  
15 UTILIZES THE ANTHONY QUINN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN EAST L.A. AND OF  
16 COURSE GABRIELLA IS ALSO HERE WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AND  
17 SHE DID A BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK. IT SAYS "A GREAT MAN ONCE SAID,  
18 'I HAVE A DREAM, A DREAM THAT A BOOK OF ALL COVERS SHALL NOT  
19 BE JUDGED AND SHALL BE READ.' " WE THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY  
20 INSPIRATIONAL. SO WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. YOU DID A  
21 WONDERFUL JOB. SHE DID A WONDERFUL JOB. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. NOW  
22 WE HAVE VANYA MINERVA \_\_\_\_\_. HOW ARE YOU? VANYA IS A SEVENTH  
23 GRADER FROM TORCH MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE IS A PATRON OF THE  
24 SUNKIST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LA PUENTE AND IS ALSO JOINED TODAY  
25 BY HER FAMILY AND HER FRIENDS. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS, WE



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1 THOUGHT THIS WAS SO CLEVER WHAT SHE DID IN THE "READ TO WIN",  
2 IT REALLY SHOWS HOW AS A STUDENT, YOU GO ON TO VERY SUCCESSFUL  
3 CAREERS. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, VANYA. [APPLAUSE.]  
4 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR  
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. WON'T  
10 YOU JOIN ME IN WELCOMING UP SIMON CHELL. SIMON, WHERE ARE YOU?  
11 OH, THERE HE IS. GIVE SIMON A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T  
12 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SIMON IS A SECOND GRADER, AND HE IS A CONTEST  
13 WINNER FROM THE CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY. HE  
14 DECLARES "READING IS FUN." AND SO WE WANT TO SAY  
15 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIMON. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. GIVE  
16 HIM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]  
17 THANKS SO MUCH. SIMON SAYS READING IS FUN. NOW, IF YOU WOULD  
18 JOIN ME IN INVITING UP VICTORIA CONTRERES. VICTORIA?  
19 [APPLAUSE.] VICTORIA IS THE WINNER FROM THE HAWTHORN PUBLIC  
20 LIBRARY. SHE'S IN THE FOURTH GRADE. AND SHE DECLARES "THE  
21 FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS." AND I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE VICTORIA  
22 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, FOURTH GRADER FROM THE YORK  
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU,  
24 VICTORIA. AND NOW IF YOU'D JOIN ME IN WELCOMING CINDY LEBYA?  
25 CINDY, COME RIGHT UP. A SIXTH GRADER FROM THE LENNOX PUBLIC



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1 LIBRARY. SHE MADE HER CLAIM WITH HER BOOKMARK BY SAYING, "READ  
2 AND GROW." AND SO WE THANK YOU, CINDY, FOR THIS BOOKMARK OF A  
3 BLOSSOMING AND STEADY RISING SUNFLOWER. IT DEPICTS YOUR THEME  
4 IN A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY. AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. ANOTHER  
5 BIG ROUND FOR CINDY. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE HAVE THREE  
10 PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE, VERY HONORED TO HAVE ALL THREE WINNERS  
11 WITH US. FIRST, IN THE CATEGORY OF THE FIRST GRADERS FROM  
12 AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY, LAYLA CANTOR. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IN THE  
13 FOURTH GRADE CATEGORY, PRISCILLA ARGERO. ALSO REPRESENTING  
14 AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY, PRISCILLA. [APPLAUSE.] AND LAST BUT NOT  
15 LEAST IN THE EIGHTH GRADE CATEGORY REPRESENTING THE SAN  
16 FERNANDO LIBRARY, MADELEINE GOMEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WE HAVE SOME  
21 WINNERS. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT YEARS THAT I  
22 HAD TO JUDGE THIS CONTEST BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE-- IT WAS  
23 VERY COMPETITIVE. THEY WERE VERY, VERY GOOD. BUT FROM THE  
24 VALENCIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE HAVE OUR SECOND GRADER, MINA YOUNG  
25 WHO IS HERE. AND SHE HAD DONE A BOOKMARK THAT HAS THE





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1 CHILDREN'S. BOOKMARK CONTEST WITH THE CHILDREN GOING TO THE 88  
2 READING OLYMPICS. THERE THEY ARE GOING TO THE OLYMPICS, FIRST  
3 PLACE, ROAD TO WIN. AND IT WAS VERY CREATIVE. AND WE KNOW WE  
4 HAD A GREAT OLYMPICS THIS YEAR. DID YOU WATCH THE OLYMPICS?  
5 OUR SECOND RECIPIENT IS FROM TEMPLE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND  
6 THAT'S SOPHIA WAY. AND SHE HAD ONE WHERE IT HAS "LIFE LEARNER,  
7 LEADER" AND IT HAS FROM CHILD TO KIDS TO TEENAGER TO COLLEGE  
8 TO LIFE. BEGIN WITH A GOOD EDUCATION AND YOU CAN REACH THE TOP  
9 OF THE STAIRCASE AND BE A WINNER. RIGHT, SOPHIA? [APPLAUSE.]  
10 AND FROM SAN GABRIEL, WE HAVE JACKSON HUWONG, A FIFTH GRADER  
11 AT THE SAN GABRIEL PUBLIC LIBRARY. AND HIS ONE, HIS BOOKMARK  
12 HAS "READ AND YOU CAN WIN ANY OBSTACLE." AND IT HAS A PERSON  
13 RUNNING A TRACK MEET GOING OVER THE HURDLES AND THE HIGH BAR.  
14 AND OUR SEVENTH GRADE WINNER IS MADISON LUNA FROM THE SAN  
15 DIMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY. HIS BOOKMARK HAS "EVERYBODY WINS WHEN  
16 THEY READ." THERE IS THE FIRST PLACE READER AWARD YOU GET WHEN  
17 YOU ARE A WINNER. WINNERS ARE READERS AND READERS ARE WINNERS.  
18 GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]  
19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE GOING TO DO A GROUP PHOTO. BUT  
21 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO CALL OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, THERE SHE  
22 IS, MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD TO SHARE A FEW WORDS. MARGARET?  
23 [APPLAUSE.]  
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1   **MARGARET TODD:** I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE WINNERS AND  
2   I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE PARENTS AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
3   WHO CAME DOWN TO CHEER THEM ON AND OF COURSE THANK THE BOARD  
4   FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SELECT OUR WINNERS. WE APPRECIATE THAT  
5   SO MUCH. AS THE SUPERVISOR SAYS, READING IS EVERYTHING. IF YOU  
6   CAN'T READ, YOU CANNOT GET A JOB. SO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO  
7   ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BECOME GOOD READERS IS A GOOD THING.  
8   THANK YOU.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MARGARET. I'D JUST SAY ON  
11   BEHALF OF ALL OF US, MARGARET, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
12   ONGOING SUPPORT. THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT. YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL,  
13   YOU LOOK AT THAT BOOK AND SAY "OH NO, I HAVE TO GO THROUGH  
14   THIS WHOLE BOOK AGAIN" BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S REALLY  
15   A GREAT REWARD. SO IF I COULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME UP  
16   HERE WITH THE KIDS, WE'LL HAVE ONE BIG GROUP PHOTO. THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WANT A PICTURE WITH ALL THE PARENTS.

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20   **SPEAKER:** THE PAPARAZZI.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW GUESS WHAT YOU GET TO DO? YOU GET TO  
23   GO BACK TO SCHOOL. HOW GOOD IS THAT? [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.  
24   ONE MORE TIME, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
25   CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'RE FAMOUS NOW. LOOK AT THAT. THEY'RE



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1 WATCHING YOU THERE. SEE YOURSELF RIGHT THERE? THAT'S YOU. OH  
2 NO. YEAH, THAT'S YOU, RIGHT THERE. LOOK. ALL RIGHT,  
3 CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU, MOMS AND DADS, AUNTS AND  
4 UNCLES, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE RAMON GIBSON.  
11 WITH US IS THE CHIEF DEPUTY DARRYL OSBY, OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT, BATTALION CHIEF, BILL NICKOMBE, P.I.O.  
13 CAPTAIN MICHAEL BROWN, ELAINE CONNELLY, SECRETARY, AND  
14 CHRISTINA PAWAWALO, IN RECOGNITION OF RAMON'S UPCOMING  
15 RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER PROMOTING EARTHQUAKE  
16 SAFETY EDUCATION FOR OUR COUNTY'S CHILDREN, WHICH IS SO  
17 IMPORTANT AND SO VITAL. RAMON HELPED TO CREATE THE YOGI BEAR  
18 SCHOOLHOUSE FOR THE COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND AS AN  
19 ENGINEER AND DESIGNER FOR THE PAUL MONROE COMPANY WHICH  
20 PROVIDED THE HYDRAULICS AND ELECTRONICS OF THE VEHICLE. THE  
21 SCHOOLHOUSE SERVES AS AN EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR AND EDUCATION  
22 TOOL TO HELP OUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND AND OVERCOME THE FEAR OF  
23 AN EARTHQUAKE BY UNDERSTANDING THE SEISMIC PHENOMENON OF  
24 EARTHQUAKES. SINCE YOGI BEAR'S SCHOOLHOUSE PROGRAM STARTED IN  
25 1986, THAT SCHOOLHOUSE HAS VISITED TWO SCHOOLS PER DAY



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1 EDUCATING OVER 400 STUDENTS PER VISIT IN OUR PUBLIC AND  
2 PRIVATE SCHOOLS. DURING HIS CAREER, HE HAS CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE  
3 GLOBE 4 1/2 TIMES WORKING ON THE PIPELINES IN ALASKA, TO THE  
4 GLOMAR EXPLORER, A LARGE VESSEL USED FOR DEEP SEA DRILLING, TO  
5 WORKING ON SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR BOTH DISNEYLAND AND UNIVERSAL  
6 STUDIOS. SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA AND I HELPED INITIATE THIS  
7 EARTHQUAKE "SHAKY- QUAKY VAN" ALONG WITH OF BILL HANNAH OF  
8 HANNAH BARBERA WHO ALLOWED YOGI TO BE THE GREAT MASCOT WHICH  
9 IS HE IS TODAY. AND AGAIN, YOU WILL FIND THIS OUT IN OUR  
10 COMMUNITY AND IN OUR SHOPPING CENTERS, IN OUR SCHOOLS,  
11 EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE WE TEND TO HAVE EARTHQUAKES  
12 ABOUT EVERY 10 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT'S BEEN A  
13 LITTLE LONGER THAN 10 YEARS SINCE THE LAST EARTHQUAKE IN 1991.  
14 AND WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN ALASKA TODAY WITH THAT VOLCANO  
15 THAT CAN ERUPT AT ANY TIME, WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE PREPARED  
16 HERE. I WOULD JUST URGE OUR PEOPLE TO BE SURE YOU HAVE THREE  
17 DAYS' OF WATER AND FOOD AND A HAND-OPERATED CAN OPENER, NOT AN  
18 ELECTRIC ONE IN CASE WE HAVE AN EARTHQUAKE AND YOU'RE PREPARED  
19 FOR YOUR FAMILY ALONG WITH KEEPING SOME SLIPPERS OR SHOES  
20 BENEATH YOUR BED IN CASE THERE IS BROKEN GLASS AFTER AN  
21 EARTHQUAKE, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE INJURED, HELPING  
22 YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR FAMILY. SO RAMON, THANK  
23 YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOU KNOW HOW THE KIDS LIKE IT. YOU'VE  
24 SEEN IT FIRSTHAND. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF PIPE AND WE'RE  
25 PROUD OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD ON BEHALF P. MICHAEL  
3 FREEMAN, THE FIRE CHIEF, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIRE  
4 DEPARTMENT, WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR  
5 COORDINATING THIS PRESENTATION. ALSO LIKE TO THANK RAMON FOR  
6 HIS MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY. AS  
7 SUPERVISOR SAID, THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING AND EXCELLENT EXAMPLE  
8 OF A PUBLIC/PRIVATE COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN THE L.A. FIRE  
9 DEPARTMENT AND THE PYTHONERS ORGANIZATION AS FAR AS PROVIDING  
10 PUBLIC SAFETY TO OUR CHILDREN. WE DID EXERCISE THE GREAT  
11 SHAKEOUT HERE THE LAST FEW MONTHS AGO AS FAR AS EARTHQUAKES GO  
12 IN OUR REGION. WE RECOGNIZED NATURAL DISASTERS CREATE THE  
13 BIGGEST THREAT AS FAR AS POTENTIAL LIFE LOSS AND PROPERTY. AS  
14 RAMON HAS DONE FOR THE SEVERAL DECADES, HE'S TRAINED HUNDREDS  
15 AND THOUSANDS OF KIDS AS FAR AS PREPARATION FOR EARTHQUAKE  
16 PREPAREDNESS, AND WE'D LIKE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK HIM FOR HIS  
18 MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SPEAKER:** ONE MORE THING, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE EILEEN CONNELLY.  
21 SHE IS ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS. AND ALSO SHE WAS WITH THE  
22 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INCEPTION OF YOGI BEAR'S  
23 SCHOOLHOUSE, SO THANK YOU, EILEEN.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO ADD. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER  
2    THING IN THE COUNTY HERE THAT'S ATTRACTED MORE ATTENTION AND  
3    BEEN MORE BENEFICIAL TO OUR KIDS THAN "SHAKY-QUAKY." SO  
4    CONGRATULATIONS. GREAT JOB.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE WEEK, WE HAD A DOG TWO WEEKS AGO THAT WAS  
7    ILL AND WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE. SO TODAY WE HAVE TWO, WHICH  
8    ARE A LITTLE BOY AND A LITTLE GIRL, BROTHER AND SISTER, DUSTIN  
9    AND HOPE. THEY ARE A TERRIER MIX. THEY'RE EIGHT WEEKS OLD.  
10    LITTLE HOPE HAS HER TUTU ON. AND DUSTIN'S COOL WITH THE BLUE  
11    COLLAR. SO, ANYWAY, YOU CAN ADOPT ONE OR BOTH. THEY DON'T  
12    BITE. AND YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644 OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
13    THEY'RE WELCOME TO GET A NEW MASCOT IF THEY NEED ONE. CHIEF,  
14    DO YOU WANT A MASCOT? YOU GET TWO? LITTLE HOPE AND DUSTIN CAN  
15    BE YOUR HOPE FOR THE YEAR OF THE OX 2009. AND YOU GET THE  
16    TUTU, TOO. WANT TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE?

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18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HERE WE GO. START WITH THE FIRST  
19    DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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21    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

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23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN THIS  
2    MORNING IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD CASTRO. HE WAS A VERY BELOVED  
3    COMMUNITY ADVOCATE IN EAST L.A., SOMEONE THAT WAS VERY  
4    INVOLVED AS AN ACTIVIST. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. FOR A  
5    LONG TIME. HE CERTAINLY LOVED HIS OWN COMMUNITY. HE WORKED FOR  
6    THE CITY OF L.A. FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WORKED AS A  
7    NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN AND WAS PART OF MY LOCAL  
8    EMPOWERMENT GROUP KNOWN AS M.A.S.H. RICHARD TOUCHED MANY  
9    COUNTLESS LIVES, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEVER GOING TO BE  
10    FORGOTTEN. I WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS  
11    WIFE, HIS CHILDREN, HIS GRANDCHILDREN AS WELL AS HIS GREAT  
12    GRANDCHILDREN. SO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD  
13    CASTRO.

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO JOIN  
16   IN RICHARD CASTRO. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU HELD OR ANYTHING?

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY  
21   ADJOURNMENTS?

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23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WOULD  
24   YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF PABLO ANTONIO  
25   GARCIA, LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 848 WHO PASSED



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1   AWAY RECENTLY IN AN ACCIDENT ON THE JOB AT THE PORT OF LONG  
2   BEACH. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST EMPLOYEES DRIVERS REPRESENTED  
3   BY THE TEAMSTERS. HE WAS A DEDICATED FATHER, HUSBAND AND PORT  
4   DRIVER WHO WILL BE MISSED. YOU SHOULD KNOW HE LEAVES TO  
5   CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, CHILDREN AND FELLOW PORT DRIVERS.  
6   THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ADDITIONALLY, EAVER SANDERS, LONG  
7   TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED ON JANUARY 18TH. SHE  
8   WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY BAKER AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE  
9   MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER  
10   HUSBAND, HERBERT BLUE, TWO SONS, TONY AND ROBERT BLUE,  
11   DAUGHTER MARTHA BLUE, ADOPTED DAUGHTER EMMA MOORE AND TWO  
12   SISTERS, EARSIE THURMAN, AND MAE EMMA MCLUKE, AMONG MANY  
13   OTHERS AND ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS-- FAMILY  
14   AND FRIENDS. REVERL WILLIAMS, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES,  
15   LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND HUSBAND OF RETIRED  
16   C.E.O., STAFF MEMBER AND FORMER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE  
17   COMMISSIONER, EFFETTA WILLIAMS. HE PASSED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. HE  
18   LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, EFFETTA, AND DAUGHTER,  
19   TRACI, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY  
20   EMILY ST. CYR HILL, 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD.  
21   SHE PASSED AWAY ON THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY. SHE IS THE LOVING  
22   MOTHER OF SHEILA CLAVERIE, A MEMBER OF THE EMPOWERMENT  
23   CONGRESS'S HEALTH COMMITTEE AND A STAFF MEMBER OF THE  
24   COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
25   COLLEAGUES. THOSE WHO I JUST MENTIONED WILL BE MISSED DEEPLY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
3 OF GRAHAM PERRY KILSBY PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 1ST. GRADUATED  
4 FROM POMONA COLLEGE AND MOVED TO LONG BEACH WHEN HIS WIFE  
5 BECAME SENIOR MINISTER AT THE LONG BEACH CONGREGATIONAL  
6 CHURCH. HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE WAS IN THE SPECIALTY TUBING  
7 BUSINESS. HE SERVED ON SEVERAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES BOTH FOR  
8 THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES. BUD WAS VERY INVOLVED IN  
9 MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE LONG BEACH CONGRESSIONAL  
10 CHURCH AS WELL AS THE LONG BEACH STATE AND CARPENTER CENTER.  
11 HE LOVED HIS FAMILY, SAILING, SPORTS AND THE ARTS. HE IS  
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, A STALWART OF LONG BEACH COMMUNITY OF 53  
13 YEARS, MARY ELLEN, FOUR CHILDREN AND 11 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO  
14 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYLE WALLRAVEN WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
15 JANUARY 30TH. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY, WAS A CANNONEER IN THE  
16 INFANTRY. HE WORKED IN THE BELL FLOWER POST OFFICE FOR 30  
17 YEARS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
18 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS, ALLYCE. THREE CHILDREN,  
19 DEBORAH, JOHN AND RUTH. SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT  
20 GRANDCHILD AND TWO STEP SIBLINGS. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A VERY GOOD FRIEND, A  
24 GREAT LEADER IN CASTAIC. HE'S BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CASTAIC  
25 FOR 45 YEARS. THAT'S SAM AZHDERIAN. HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY



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1 27TH. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF OUR TOWN COUNCIL AND HE FOUNDED  
2 THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
3 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLORIA. SAM WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE  
4 COMMUNITY LEADERS, VISIONARY AND VERY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL  
5 AND WILL BE MISSED. SABRINA AJDARI, WHO WAS A NURSE FOR LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY. SHE DEVOTED 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY  
7 BY SERVING BEGINNING AS A STUDENT NURSE, STAFF NURSE, CHARGE  
8 NURSE, NURSE MANAGER, AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM OUR COUNTY  
9 SCHOOL OF NURSING BACK IN 1982. SHE WORKED AT WOMEN'S AND  
10 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AS A STAFF NURSE AND LABOR AND DELIVERY  
11 AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO OUR OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HELD  
12 THE POSITION OF STAFF NURSE. SHE'LL BE MISSED. ROBERT BOCK, HE  
13 SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM IN  
14 PALMDALE AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ARCHEOLOGY  
15 SOCIETY AND THE ELKS CLUB. EMANUEL ROBERTO CADONA, GRADUATE OF  
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE  
17 CORPS. HE WORKED AS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR SPECIALIST AND  
18 WAS A CAREER RETENTION SPECIALIST WITH TOURS OF DUTY IN KUWAIT  
19 AND IRAQ. FLORENCIO FRANCO, WHO WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY, FOUR OF  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 33 YEARS, RETIRED  
21 FROM THE EAST LOS ANGELES STATION. PRESTON GOMEZ. PRESTON WAS  
22 A LONG-TIME CALIFORNIA ANGEL CONSULTANT WHO HAD BEEN THIRD  
23 BASE COACH FOR THE DODGERS WHEN THEY WON THE 1965 WORLD  
24 SERIES. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE WASHINGTON SENATORS AS A  
25 SHORTSTOP. AFTER HIS PLAYING CAREER ENDED, GOMEZ MANAGED THE



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1 MEXICAN WINTER LEAGUE AND SERVED AS THIRD BASE COACH FOR THE  
2 LOS ANGELES DODGERS. HE LATER JOINED THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS IN  
3 1981 AS A THIRD BASE COACH AND FOR FOUR SEASONS BEFORE HE  
4 BECAME THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER IN 1985,  
5 WHICH HE HELD UNTIL HIS PASSING THIS PAST MONTH. HE WAS VERY  
6 CLOSE TO MICHAEL SOSHIA AND MR. MORENO, THE OWNER OF THE  
7 ANGELS, AND TONY REGANS, THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER. THEY WERE A  
8 REAL TEAM. AND HE WILL BE MISSED. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
9 PRESTON. HE WAS 86. WILLIAM HANNA, WHO WAS RETIRED SERGEANT OF  
10 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SCOTT JASGUR.  
11 SCOTT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 50. HE WAS A FIREFIGHTER,  
12 PARAMEDIC FOR 25 YEARS WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. HE WAS  
13 A MEMBER OF THE ELITE FLIGHT MEDIC FOR MERCY AIR. HE WAS THE  
14 BROTHER OF MY DEPUTY, DEBRA MENDELSON. AND IT WAS A TRAGIC  
15 PASSING AWAY WITH CANCER. BUT HE WAS A STRONG FIGHTER. AND  
16 DEBRA AND THE FAMILY WERE THERE WITH THEIR BROTHER. HE LEAVES  
17 THREE BROTHERS AND HIS WIFE AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN. ESPERANZA  
18 GOMEZ LOMELI, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LA VERNE, MEMBER OF HOLY  
19 NAME OF MARY PARISH, INVOLVED IN THE DAMIEN PARISH HIGH SCHOOL  
20 AND MOTHER OF MARTIN LOMELI, WHO IS THE CITY MANAGER OF LA  
21 VERNE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS. ELENORA MORRISSEY,  
22 MEMBER OF THE EMBLEM CLUB AND MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 SHERIFF'S RELEASE ASSOCIATION. MILTON PARKER. MILTON WAS A  
24 LONG TIME OWNER OF CARNEGIE DELI. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER  
25 MARIAN. DONALD PAUL, LONG TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT.





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1 EILEEN QUACKENBUSH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS QUITE  
2 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY OF GLENDALE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. DON  
3 YORDE, WHO WAS THE SON OF PAUL AND NORMA YORDE, THE FOUNDERS  
4 OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN HOME OF THE WEST, WHICH IS THE HOME  
5 FOR THE CHILDREN WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY DISABLED. HE PASSED AWAY  
6 FEBRUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 70. ERNEST BARLOW, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
7 RETIRED, SERVED FOR 31 YEARS. MARIAN BINGHAM, LONG TIME  
8 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND PAUL BRATSCH, INSPECTOR WITH  
9 29 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 6TH OF THIS YEAR. THOSE  
11 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU DO JAMES WHITMORE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOIN WITH YOU ON THAT ONE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
22 OF JAMES WHITMORE, THE AWARD-WINNING ACTOR AND STAR OF SEVERAL  
23 HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE-MAN SHOWS, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE  
24 WEEKEND OF LUNG CANCER IN HIS HOME IN MALIBU, AT THE AGE OF  
25 87. HE WAS ACTIVE IN FILMS AND TELEVISION BEGINNING IN 1949.



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1 HIS STAGE WORKS INCLUDED "WILL ROGERS, U.S.A.," "GIVE 'EM  
2 HELL, HARRY," AND "BULLY, AN EVENING WITH PRESIDENT THEODORE  
3 ROOSEVELT." HE HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER BOTH IN STAGE AND  
4 SCREEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NOREEN WHITMORE, HIS SON  
5 STEVE WHITMORE, WHO IS THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, MEDIA ADVISOR  
6 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF LEE BACA, AND JAMES  
7 WHITMORE, JR. AND DAN WHITMORE, HIS THREE SONS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE  
14 JENNY INCAUDO, A LONG TIME LEADER OF THE STUDIO CITY  
15 RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WHO WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH MY OFFICE  
16 ON VERY MANY, MANY LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES, ESPECIALLY  
17 DURING MY TIME AS A CITY COUNCILMAN IN LOS ANGELES. PASSED  
18 AWAY QUIETLY IN HER SLEEP AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE IS  
19 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOSEPH AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
20 MANY FRIENDS. AND I WOULD JUST SAY JENNY WAS ONE OF THOSE  
21 HOMEOWNER ACTIVISTS WHO WAS INTERESTED IN SOLUTIONS AND KNEW  
22 HOW TO GET TO YES. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS IN THE STUDIO  
23 CITY COMMUNITY THAT HAVE HER FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT. IT'S A  
24 REAL LOSS. SHE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO OUR OFFICE. THANK YOU,  
25 MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. OKAY, WE'VE DONE THE  
3 ADJOURNMENTS. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS HELD BY THE PUBLIC. I'M  
4 GOING TO ASK ARNOLD SACHS TO COME FORWARD, ITEM 14, 33-A.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK  
7 YOU. ITEM 14, I BELIEVE REFERENCES TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. AND  
8 IN THERE IT STATES LOOKING INTO HOW THEY CAN ACHIEVE BETTER  
9 SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED AND PEOPLE GOING FOR WORK  
10 WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR WORK. AND I DON'T KNOW,  
11 MAYBE, AS I STATED LIKE 99 OTHER TIMES, A FIRST STEP OR A NEXT  
12 STEP, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP, WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE  
13 THE OPERATIONS OF ACCESS SERVICES. TOO OFTEN, THE PROVIDERS  
14 SET THEIR OWN RESTRICTIONS ON THE VEHICLES BY NOT HAVING  
15 AUTHORIZED DRIVERS BEHIND THE WHEEL OF AN AUTHORIZED ACCESS  
16 VEHICLE. AND IF THE DRIVER'S NOT AUTHORIZED, THEN THEY CAN'T  
17 DO ACCESS SERVICES. AND UNTIL YOU INVESTIGATE THAT LITTLE  
18 LOOPHOLE, EVEN MAKE A BABY STEP, ALL THIS MONEY YOU MIGHT AS  
19 WELL JUST DROP FROM THE TOP OF THE BUILDING HERE AND LET IT  
20 FLOAT DOWN THE STREET BECAUSE IT'S JUST A WASTE OF TIME. THANK  
21 YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 14, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT  
24 HAVE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25 ORDERED. ITEM 33-A.



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**ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 33-A, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE  
LOOKING WOULD PROCLAIMING 211 SERVICES WEEK, BUT I'D ALSO LIKE  
YOU TO MENTION THE FACT THAT 211 IS A FOR PROFIT OPERATION  
NOW. YOU'RE NOT TALKING TO COUNTY OFFICERS OR COUNTY WORKERS.  
YOU'RE ACTUALLY TALKING TO A FOR PROFIT COMPANY WHOSE MONIKER  
IS 211. THEY COULD JUST BE READING OFF A SHEET. SO IN ESSENCE,  
MONEY THAT COULD BE USED FOR SERVICES THAT COULD BE PROVIDED  
BY 211 UNDER THEIR AUSPICES IS ACTUALLY GOING FIRST TOWARDS  
SALARIES AND THEN TOWARDS SERVICES. AGAIN, THANK YOU AS ALWAYS  
FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
ORDERED. A COUPLE MINUTES EARLY, BUT WE'LL CALL UP ITEM S-1.  
AN INTERIM REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE  
C.E.O. ON THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER. WE HAVE A COUPLE  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BUT I'M SURE THEY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL  
AFTER THE REPORT. C.E.O. AND SOMEONE FROM HEALTH SERVICES?  
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY.

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**CAROL MEYER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, CAROL MEYER, INTERIM  
CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES. THIS IS A STATUS REPORT OF THE INDICATORS FROM  
MOVING FROM THE OLD L.A.C. U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER TO THE NEW



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1 FACILITY. KEY POINTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUT TODAY ARE  
2 THAT THE CENSUS IS CONTINUALLY INCREASING. AND YOU CAN SEE THE  
3 A.D.C. ON YOUR REPORT. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, I'D LIKE TO  
4 POINT OUT ATTACHMENT 1. WE DID AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORKLOAD  
5 SUMMARY THAT IS GOING ON AT L.A.C. U.S.C. IN TERMS OF THE E.D.  
6 WORKLOAD, THE ADMISSIONS FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, AND  
7 THE ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL IN TOTAL. AGAIN YOU CAN SEE AN  
8 EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF E.D. ADMISSIONS AS WELL AS  
9 ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO AT THIS POINT  
10 IS I'D LIKE TO REFER A COUPLE OF ISSUES TO SEVERAL STAFF THAT  
11 WE HAVE HERE FROM THE HOSPITAL AND ALSO TO KATHY CHIDESTER  
12 FROM THE AGENCY. IN PARTICULAR I'D LIKE DR. HALL TO SPEAK TO  
13 THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OPERATING AGREEMENT AND THE SUCCESS OF  
14 IMPLEMENTING.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME JUST FOR A SECOND. COULD WE  
17 JUST HAVE A LITTLE QUIET OVER HERE, PLEASE, SO WE CAN HEAR THE  
18 SPEAKERS? THANK YOU.

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** THE SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE M.S.O.A. AT  
21 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'D ALSO LIKE DR. HALL TO TALK A  
22 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PATIENT SPECIALTY SERVICES, THE  
23 A.C.G.M.E. PROGRAM STATUS AND THE RESIDENCY ROTATIONS AND THE  
24 IMPLICATIONS OF CENSUS ON THOSE RESIDENCY ROTATIONS, AND ALSO  
25 JUST SORT OF HAVE DR. HALL AND PETE DELGADO, THE C.E.O., TALK



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1 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SPECIALTY BED UTILIZATION AND WHAT WE'RE  
2 DOING THERE.

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4 **STEPHANIE HALL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE HALL. I'M  
5 THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL  
6 CENTER. IN SUMMARY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL  
7 OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE TECH. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HAS  
8 MOVED FORWARD. AND CURRENTLY WE HAVE ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE  
9 ITEMS THAT WERE PROVIDED FOR THAT ARE IN, NOW CURRENTLY BEING  
10 HIRED OR ON BOARD IN PROVIDING SERVICE AT THE MEDICAL CENTER.  
11 THIS HAS RELIEVED SOME OF THE SHORTAGES THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED  
12 AND THAT IS MOVING FORWARD QUITE NICELY. REGARDING THE  
13 ANALYSIS OF PATIENT SPECIALTY SERVICES, THE AREAS THAT WE SEE  
14 TRENDS IN THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS, YOU HAVE AN ATTACHMENT, A  
15 CHART WHICH ACTUALLY GIVES YOU THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS. THE  
16 AREA'S O.B., PEDIATRICS, THE I.C.U. PSYCHIATRIC AND BURN  
17 SERVICES HAVE SHOWN AN INCREASE IN CENSUS SLIGHTLY SINCE THE  
18 MOVE-- OR SHOW AN UPWARD TREND SINCE THE MOVE INTO A NEW  
19 HOSPITAL. AND PARTICULARLY IN OUR BURN SERVICE, OVER THE LAST--  
20 - DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE'VE SEEN OUR HIGHEST CENSUS YET.  
21 THE INITIAL REDUCTION IN OUR PEDIATRIC CENSUS IS CONSISTENT  
22 WITH REDUCTION IN OTHER AREA CENSUS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
23 CONSTRICTION OF THE MOVE. AND AS A RESULT, ALL OF OUR CENSUS  
24 AREAS WERE REDUCED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN A RESURGENCE IN THAT  
25 AREA, AND WE ANTICIPATE A FULL UNIT. AND WE ARE ACTUALLY





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1 EXPERIENCING NEAR 80 PERCENT TO 90 PERCENT CAPACITY OR  
2 OCCUPANCY AT THIS TIME. REGARDING THE A.C.G.M.E. TRAINING  
3 PROGRAMS, IT IS REALLY TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THE CHANGE IN OUR  
4 CENSUS COMPLEMENT HAS HAD A DIRECT EFFECT ON OUR TRAINING.  
5 HOWEVER, WE HAVE HAD FOUR DIFFERENT SITE SURVEYS THAT WERE IN  
6 VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE MOVE AND ONE FOLLOWING THE MOVE.  
7 ALL OF THESE SITE SURVEYS FOR OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE  
8 RESULTED IN EXCELLENT OUTCOMES. WE'VE BEEN GIVEN FULL  
9 ACCREDITATION FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE-YEAR  
10 CYCLE. AND ONE PROGRAM, OUR ORTHOPEDIC HAND PROGRAM, WAS GIVEN  
11 A FOUR-YEAR CYCLE, WHICH IS ONE MORE YEAR THAN PREVIOUSLY  
12 ACHIEVED AT THE LAST SITE VISIT. ANECDOTALLY, INTERVIEWS WITH  
13 ALL OF OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ALL OF OUR CHIEFS AND CHAIRS  
14 HAVE INDICATED THAT IN FACT THE RESIDENCY TRAINING EXPERIENCE  
15 IS VASTLY IMPROVED AND THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT OF NEW  
16 CANDIDATES HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AND HAS  
17 EXCELLENT FEEDBACK AS TO THE POTENTIAL RECRUITMENT OF  
18 OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES. SO OVERALL, THE IMPROVEMENT AT THE  
19 FACILITY HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT  
20 EXCELLENT CANDIDATES TO THESE TRAINING PROGRAMS. OVERALL, THE  
21 SPECIALTY BED UTILIZATION, THERE WAS A QUESTION POSED AS TO  
22 WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE YOU DOING TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL  
23 UTILIZATION OF SOME OF OUR SPECIALTY BEDS. AND WE ARE WORKING  
24 CLOSELY WITH THE PEDIATRIC COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR CUSTOMER  
25 SERVICE, IMPROVE OUR TRANSPORTS. AND WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY



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1 WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO ACCEPT AND BE AVAILABLE FOR THE  
2 COMMUNITY FOR TRANSFERS INTO OUR FACILITY. ADDITIONALLY, WE  
3 ARE WORKING TO MAKE AVAILABLE BURN TRANSFERS SO THAT PATIENTS  
4 THAT REQUIRE BURN SERVICES, THAT WE ARE AVAILABLE AND THE  
5 TRANSFER ACTIVITY AND PROCESS IS VERY SMOOTH AND CUSTOMER-  
6 FRIENDLY.

7

8 **PETE DELGADO:** WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO MAKE OURSELVES A LITTLE  
9 MORE FRIENDLIER TO AREA HOSPITALS AS IT PERTAINS TO  
10 TRANSFERRING SPECIALIZED BEDS OR SPECIALIZED PATIENTS. WE ARE  
11 GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE GETTING READY TO ADVISE,  
12 THROUGH THE "LA OPINION," JUST SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WE ARE  
13 STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS, SPECIFICALLY THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.  
14 WE'RE RE-EVALUATING OUR SIGNAGE AROUND THE CAMPUS JUST TO MAKE  
15 SURE AS YOU'RE CIRCLING THE CAMPUS, MAKING SURE THAT NO ONE  
16 GETS THE WRONG IDEA THAT CHILDREN'S SERVICES HAVE BEEN  
17 MINIMIZED OR HAVE BEEN RELOCATED.

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19 **CAROL MEYER:** OKAY. THEN THE OTHER TWO ISSUES THAT WE WANTED TO  
20 ADDRESS BASED ON PREVIOUS QUESTIONS INCLUDE QUESTIONS ABOUT  
21 HOSPITAL DIVERSION. AND WE'VE OUTLINED IN THIS BOARD MEMO THE  
22 DIVERSION PROCESS. AND WE INDICATED AT THE LAST MINUTE ABOUT  
23 ONE PATIENT PER DAY ON AVERAGE IS DIVERTED AWAY FROM  
24 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER TO THE NEXT CLOSEST HOSPITAL AND  
25 AT HARBOR U.C.L.A., ABOUT TWO PATIENTS PER DAY. ONE OF THE



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1 ISSUES THAT CAME UP IN THAT DISCUSSION ABOUT DIVERSION WAS THE  
2 CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL BASE STATION. AND YOU ASKED THAT WE SORT  
3 OF OUTLINE THE STEPS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO COME TO A  
4 CENTRAL BASE STATION. AND KATHY CHIDESTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
5 E.M.S. AGENCY IS HERE TO SORT OF DESCRIBE WHAT'S BEEN DONE AND  
6 HOW WE SEE THAT GOING FORWARD.

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8 **KATHY CHIDESTER:** THE CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL BASE STATION IS  
9 QUITE OLD. WHEN THE E.M.S. SYSTEM FIRST STARTED, THERE WAS THE  
10 IDEA TO HAVE A CENTRAL BASE STATION. AT THAT TIME, THE  
11 COMMUNITY AND HOSPITALS WANTED MORE INVOLVEMENT. SO THERE WAS  
12 A PUSH TO HAVE MULTIPLE BAY STATIONS AND TO HAVE ANY HOSPITAL  
13 THAT WISHED TO BE INVOLVED AND TO BE A BAY STATION, WHICH IS  
14 GIVING MEDICAL ORDERS TO THE PARAMEDICS OVER THE RADIO, TO BE  
15 INVOLVED. SO AT THAT TIME THERE WERE 40 HOSPITALS THAT WERE  
16 BASE STATIONS. IN ORDER TO BE A BASE STATION, IT'S COSTLY. YOU  
17 HAVE TO PAY ADDITIONAL SALARY TO NURSES, ADDITIONAL EDUCATION  
18 AND HAVE RADIO COMMUNICATION IN PLACE. SO AS TIME HAS GONE ON,  
19 HOSPITALS HAVE EVALUATED THEIR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES, A LOT  
20 OF THEM HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BASE HOSPITAL PROGRAM. AND SO  
21 WE HAVE 20 HOSPITALS LEFT AS BASE STATIONS. THE IDEA OF A  
22 CENTRAL BASE STATION WOULD HELP US AS AN E.M.S. SYSTEM TO  
23 ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN MEDICAL ORDERS AND MEDICAL CARE THAT'S  
24 GIVEN IN THE FIELD, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS ET CETERA. SO  
25 WE HAVE FOCUSED ON A CENTRALIZED BASE STATION OR SUCH CONCEPT



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1 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE TO  
2 PREPARE OURSELVES IS WITH OUR NEW FACILITY IN SANTA FE  
3 SPRINGS, WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN AREA IDENTIFIED FOR THESE CENTRAL  
4 BASE STATION. WE HAVE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT MODELS OF MEDICAL  
5 CONTROL AND GIVING ORDERS TO THE PARAMEDICS IN THE FIELD,  
6 EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. WE'VE ESTABLISHED A  
7 COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE E.M.S. AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THERE  
8 ARE REGULATIONS ABOUT BASE STATIONS AND HAVING THEM AS PART OF  
9 HOSPITALS, SO WE'VE OPENED UP THE DIALOGUE ABOUT THE  
10 REGULATIONS. WE'VE IDENTIFIED A FUNDING SOURCE FOR ALLOCATION  
11 FOR THE CENTRAL BASE STATION FOR STAFF. WE HAVE ACTUALLY HIRED  
12 A POSITION OF A NURSE TO START THE PROCESS OF THE CENTRAL BASE  
13 STATION BY COMPLETING AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO  
14 BEGIN THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION. AND WE HAVE TALKED TO  
15 L.A.C.+U.S.C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL, THEIR BASE STATION PHYSICIAN  
16 ABOUT SOME TYPE OF AFFILIATION WITH L.A.C.+U.S.C. AS WE  
17 CONTINUE ON WITH OUR PROCESS. WE NEED TO RESOLVE THE  
18 REGULATORY ISSUES. WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR ANALYSIS, LOOK AT  
19 WHAT THE CONSTRAINTS ARE AND HOW WE CAN OVERCOME THESE HURDLES  
20 AS WE CONTINUE ON IN THE PROCESS. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH RADIO  
21 COMMUNICATION, TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION AND OUR EQUIPMENT THAT  
22 WE NEED-- THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE WE COULD BEGIN A  
23 CENTRAL BASE STATION PROCESS.  
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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE THERE QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR  
2    MOLINA?

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS WE NEED TO GET THE IDEAS WHAT THE ISSUES  
5    ARE THAT ARE ON THERE REMAINING. I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK  
6    ABOUT IT, BUT MY CONCERN RIGHT NOW, IN THE CENSUS THAT WE HAD  
7    FOR JANUARY, WE HAD BASICALLY 477 PATIENTS FOR THE 600 BEDS  
8    THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. ARE WE STAFFED UP FOR  
9    THE FULL 600?

10

11   **PETE DELGADO:** YES, WE ARE. WHERE WE ARE NOT, WE USE REGISTRY  
12   TO COMPLIMENT.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO KNOW: ARE WE FULLY STAFFED UP TO  
15   OPERATE 600 BEDS?

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17   **PETE DELGADO:** YES.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE?

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21   **PETE DELGADO:** YES.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** THOUGH WE ARE ONLY USING 477 LAST MONTH.

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25   **PETE DELGADO:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ONLY USED 477 BEDS LAST MONTH.

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR, PART OF THE ANSWER TO THAT  
5 IS THE REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE BEDS, SPECIALTY  
6 BEDS, THAT WE ARE NOT USING, AND WE DO NOT STAFF BEDS THAT WE  
7 DO NOT USE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE TOO COSTLY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION.

10

11 **PETE DELGADO:** THE DEMAND IS NOT THERE FOR SPECIALTY BEDS,  
12 RIGHT NOW SO WE DON'T STAFF THOSE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T STAFF THOSE AT ALL?

15

16 **PETE DELGADO:** WE STAFF AS THE DEMAND IS THERE. IF THE DEMAND  
17 IS THERE, WE STAFF WITH OUR STAFF OR REGISTRY TO COMPLETE THE  
18 STAFF THAT WE NEED.

19

20 **STEPHANIE HALL:** FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO  
21 ILLUSTRATE. OUR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT HAS ON AVERAGE  
22 HAD AN AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS OF BETWEEN 20 AND 24. AND THAT WAS  
23 THE USUAL CENSUS BEFORE THE MOVE. AND IT HAS CONTINUED ABOUT  
24 THAT AFTER THE MOVE. THE NEW HOSPITAL HAS A CAPACITY OF  
25 LICENSE FOR 40 BEDS. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE A





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1 SUDDEN SURGE IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE. HOWEVER, IF THERE  
2 IS A NEED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO STAFF ADDITIONAL BEDS. LIKEWISE,  
3 OUR BURN CENSUS HAS BEEN AROUND 10 THIS LAST MONTH IT HAS  
4 INCREASED TO AN AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS OF 12. AND WE ARE  
5 STAFFING AS THE DEMAND COMES UP. BUT PREVIOUSLY OUR CENSUS IN  
6 THE BURN HAS REALLY BEEN ABOUT 10 FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ON THE MED-SURG BEDS THAT YOU HAVE, THOSE ARE  
9 OF COURSE OVER CENSUS. SO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE IS  
10 STAFFED.

11

12 **STEPHANIE HALL:** THOSE ARE FULLY STAFFED, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **PETE DELGADO:** FULLY STAFFED.

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** ONE AREA THAT WE ARE WORKING TO MEET THE DEMAND  
17 IS IN OUR I.C.U. STAFFING. AND WE DO HAVE NURSES THAT ARE IN  
18 TRAINING. WE ANTICIPATE THEY'LL BE COMPLETING THEIR  
19 PRECEPTORSHIPS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS AND MORE  
20 I.C.U. BEDS WILL BE AVAILABLE. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE DO REMAIN  
21 WITH AN INCREASED CAPACITY OF I.C.U. BEDS. SO THAT AREA IS AN  
22 AREA THAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER--

23

24 **PETE DELGADO:** THAT WILL EFFECT THE REDUCTION IN THE REGISTRY  
25 THAT WE USE TO COVER THE I.C.U.S.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? GOOD,  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE NEED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THAT.  
10 WE ALSO HAVE TWO SPEAKERS FIRST BEFORE WE DO THAT. I'D ASK DR.  
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS TO COME FORWARD ON ITEM S-  
12 2. PARDON ME? S-1, I'M SORRY.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'VE SPOKEN A  
15 FEW TIMES BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING  
16 SOME OF THE THINGS, THE CHANGE ORDERS AND THE BILLING. LO AND  
17 BEHOLD, YOU LOOK AT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, L.A. TIMES, COUNTY  
18 U.S.C. CLOSES HELIPAD DUE TO EXHAUST FUMES. HOSPITAL PLAGUED  
19 BY FUMES. IT STATES THAT IT SEEMS THAT THE AIR DUCTS, THE  
20 VENTILATION SYSTEM, IS LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO THE HELIPAD. SO  
21 WHEN HELICOPTERS ARE COMING IN, THE EXHAUST FUMES ARE FLOODING  
22 PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL. HOW CAN THAT BE? IN 2004, THE FEDERAL  
23 ADMINISTRATION WARNED THAT AIR QUALITY IN BUILDINGS COULD  
24 COMPROMISED IF HELIPORTS WERE LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO FRESH AIR  
25 VENTS. WHAT PINHEADS, TO QUOTE ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS, ARE



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1 GOING TO ROLL ON THIS? WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS?  
2 \$90,000, I BELIEVE THEY STATED FOR NEW EXHAUST FILTERS. SAME  
3 ARTICLE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR SPENT \$3 MILLION  
4 BETWEEN 1994 AND 1998. DIDN'T HELP. \$250,000 A YEAR ON  
5 CHARCOAL FILTERS. NONE OF IT WORKED. THE UNIVERSITY SCUTTLED  
6 THE ROOF TOP HELIPAD WHEN THEY HAD TO REPLACE A LEAKY ROOF.  
7 HOW, WHO, WHEN LOOKS AT THE PLANS HERE TO BUILD THIS HOSPITAL?  
8 TO DISREGARD THE INFORMATION THAT'S OUT THERE? I CAN'T EVEN  
9 ASK A QUESTION ON THIS. IT'S GOING TO BE FOREVER. WHAT'S THE  
10 SENSE OF PUTTING IN THE PLANS? IS THIS A DESIGN BUILT ITEM  
11 LIKE THE M.T.A. DOES? WHO'S OVERSEEING IT? ARE WE GOING TO  
12 WAIT FOR A FOOTPRINT LIKE WE DID AT M.L.K., THE FOOTPRINT OF  
13 THIS PLAN AND THE FOOTPRINT OF THAT PLAN? INSTEAD OF  
14 FOOTPRINTS, THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING FINGERPRINTS, BY THE  
15 WAY. BUT WHO IS ANSWERABLE FOR THIS FIASCO? NOBODY'S GOT--  
16 DOESN'T ANYBODY HERE HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT HOW CAN WE PAY  
17 ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN THIS PLAN WHEN THE F.A.A. WARNS IN 2004  
18 THAT IT WILL LEAD TO PROBLEMS? WELL NOT IN L.A. WE'VE ALWAYS  
19 GOT MORE MONEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR  
20 ATTENTION.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST SO IT'S NOT LEFT LIKE NO ONE CARES,  
23 THERE IS A FULL INVESTIGATION GOING ON IN THE SITUATION. WE  
24 WILL BE GETTING A REPORT BACK ON THE WHOLE SITUATION.

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE CARE,  
2   BUT IT SHOULDN'T COME TO THIS POINT.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND.

5

6   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
7   DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL I'M GOING TO SAY THAT MR. SACHS  
8   HAD SOME VERY GOOD POINTS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN THE F.A.A. A FEW  
9   YEARS AGO MADE SOME FANTASTIC POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO  
10   DESCRIBE HOW AND NOT HOW TO DEVELOP A HELIPAD. I MEAN, IT  
11   WOULD HAVE TAKEN SOMEBODY A FEW MINUTES TO JUST LOOK AT THE  
12   POWERPOINT. I MEAN, THE POWERPOINT IS SO EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD  
13   AND DESCRIBES FROM A TO Z WHAT TO DO AND NOT TO DO. I REMEMBER  
14   THE ISSUE THAT U.S.C., YOU HAD CONSULTANTS GALORE THAT YOU  
15   PAID MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TO TRANSFER FROM THE OLD TO THE  
16   NEW. THAT'S WHEN THEY ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS.  
17   NOBODY LOOKED AT IT. IT'S PATHETIC. I AM REALLY CONCERNED  
18   ABOUT ALL THIS THING GOING ON. ALSO, THE REPORT YOU GOT THIS  
19   MORNING, ALL OF THE CENSUS IS CHANGED ON THE REPORT. TWO KEY  
20   ISSUES WERE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED IN  
21   THOSE REPORT, IS THE PEOPLE, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO LEAVE  
22   THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT BEING SEEN. NOWHERE TO BE SEEN. AND THAT  
23   IS HUGE, BECAUSE IT GOT BIGGER EVERY MONTH. THEN ANOTHER ISSUE  
24   WHICH IS NOT THERE IS THE LENGTH OF TIME PEOPLE WAIT TO BE  
25   SEEN. IT IS EASY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, THE WAY YOU CAN



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1 MAKE THINGS HAPPEN WHERE IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DONE, ALL OF  
2 A SUDDEN YOU USE A DIFFERENT CRITERIA TO MEASURE. PEOPLE LIKE  
3 ME WHO LOOK AT RESEARCH, I AM VERY PICKY. WHEN SOMEBODY ALL OF  
4 A SUDDEN CHANGES A FORMAT TO DELIVER THEIR FINDINGS. AND THOSE  
5 TO ME ARE THE MOST TWO IMPORTANT THINGS WE DIDN'T HEAR TODAY.  
6 THE AMOUNT OF TIME PEOPLE WAIT BEFORE BEING SEEN IN THE E.R.  
7 AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LEAVING WITHOUT BEING SEEN? THAT  
8 REPORT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED THE WAY IT'S PRESENTED.  
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.  
12 GENEVIEVE, WHILE YOU'RE UP THERE, WHY DON'T YOU ALSO ADDRESS,  
13 YOU HELD ITEM 9 AND 30?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, ITEM 9. WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM  
16 KIND OF AMAZED THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE ASKING FOR TO  
17 RECLASSIFY 89 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS IN 10 DIFFERENT  
18 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. UP TO THIS DATE, I CAN NEVER RECEIVE  
19 INFORMATION ABOUT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. HOW YOU CAN COME TO  
20 A DECISION TO CHANGE SO MANY POSITIONS IN SO MANY DEPARTMENTS  
21 WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE. I MEAN, I CANNOT BELIEVE  
22 YOU CAN EVEN ASK FOR THAT. BECAUSE UP TO TODAY, WE DON'T EVEN  
23 KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE USING. AND I  
24 TOTALLY OBJECT TO THAT PERSONALLY. THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 9 AND 30 ARE BEFORE US.  
2    MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
3    YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I DO THINK IT'S  
4    IMPORTANT, THOUGH, THAT ON ITEM S-1 THE QUESTIONS THAT  
5    GENEVIEVE ASKED, THAT WAS TO BE PART OF THE REPORT IS ONE. THE  
6    LENGTH OF THE WAIT AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVING  
7    WITHOUT BEING SEEN. SO IF WE COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT REPORT  
8    BACK TO US, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS.  
9    THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE ITEM S-2. WE'RE A FEW MINUTES EARLY  
10   ON IT. WHAT ITEMS DO WE HAVE LEFT?

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 32.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE ITEM 32. WE HAVE A NUMBER  
15   OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP ON THIS. OKAY. WE CAN DO THIS ONE OF TWO  
16   WAYS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PROBABLY BEST TO  
17   DO A STAFF REPORT FIRST. AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE  
18   PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

19

20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ARE WE TAKING 32 RIGHT NOW?

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

23

24   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DEPARTMENT'S GOING TO COME FORWARD AND  
25   WILL BE PRESENTING SOME INFORMATION.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 32.

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4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, BASED ON A MOTION BY  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH LAST WEEK, YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTED THE  
6 C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON THE STATUS OF ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING  
7 THE MANAGEMENT OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THIS COMES OUT OF THE AUDITOR-  
9 CONTROLLER INVESTIGATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED REGARDING D.H.S.  
10 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE M.L.K. M.A.C.C. WHO WERE AT  
11 THE HOSPITAL WHEN IT CLOSED. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER CAME UP  
12 WITH THEIR REPORT IN SEPTEMBER. AND THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 HUMAN RESOURCES IDENTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 152  
14 EMPLOYEES WHO HAD RESULTS ON THEIR LIVE SCAN TESTS DURING THAT  
15 PREVIOUS SCANNING. AND ESSENTIALLY THE BASIC STATUS OF THE  
16 OVERALL PROCESS IS THAT IN OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT REVISED AND  
17 IMPLEMENTED OUR PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING AND DOCUMENTING THE  
18 JOB NEXUS DETERMINATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS  
19 THAT WERE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE  
20 REVISED SCHEDULES OR POLICIES AND FORMS IS THE WORD I'M  
21 SEEKING TO HELP THROUGH THAT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. IN  
22 OCTOBER WE CREATED A CENTRAL UNIT TO REVIEW JOB NEXUS  
23 DETERMINATIONS. IN NOVEMBER WE TRAINED KEY STAFF ON MANAGERS  
24 ON THE REQUIRED PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THAT. AND IN  
25 DECEMBER WE CENTRALIZED THE RECEIPT OF D.O.J. CRIMINAL HISTORY



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1 RECORDS IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS AND ENHANCE  
2 SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN, I DON'T MEAN TO BE ABRUPT. BUT WE  
5 KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE. THE QUESTION HERE IS WHAT THE HELL  
6 HAPPENED? AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO REMEDY THE SITUATION? WE  
7 DON'T NEED A HISTORY OF WHERE YOU'VE BEEN BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT  
8 THE BOARD DIRECTED YOU TO DO. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THIS  
9 HAPPENED AND HOW WE CAN SORT OF TELL THE PUBLIC THAT THIS  
10 ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN.

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, ARE WE SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY  
13 ABOUT THE REGISTRY EMPLOYEE? IF SO, THE ISSUE THERE--

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL I ASSUME MR. ANTONOVICH DIDN'T  
16 BRING THE MOTION IN OUT OF GENERALITIES.

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IN THE CASE OF THE  
19 REGISTRY EMPLOYEE, THERE IS CLEAR COUNTY POLICY THAT ANYBODY  
20 WHO IS BROUGHT IN ON REGISTRY IS TO BE LIVE SCANNED IF THEY'RE  
21 IN A SENSITIVE POSITION. AND ALL DEPARTMENT POSITIONS IN THE  
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE SENSITIVE POSITIONS, AND THAT THOSE  
23 EMPLOYEES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROCESSED IN THROUGH HUMAN  
24 RESOURCES. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE SUPERVISOR OF THE  
25 REGISTRY EMPLOYEE, IN THIS CASE AT THE ROYBAL COMP CENTER, DID



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1 NOT FOLLOW COUNTY POLICY, DID NOT FOLLOW COUNTY PROCEDURES.

2 THIS SUPERVISOR BROUGHT SOMEONE IN OFF THE REGISTRY, AND--

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAS THE SUPERVISOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
5 REGISTRY OR THE COUNTY?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE SUPERVISOR IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
8 COUNTY, SUPERVISOR. AND CHOSE TO BYPASS THE H.R. PROCESS. SHE  
9 TOLD US THAT SHE THOUGHT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PERSON WAS ONLY  
10 GOING TO BE THERE FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT VIOLATED  
11 THE POLICY. AND THIS PERSON WORKED AT THE FACILITY FOR 13 DAYS  
12 BETWEEN DECEMBER 30TH AND JANUARY 30TH UNTIL THE ARTICLE  
13 APPEARED IN THE L.A. TIMES A WEEK AGO SATURDAY, AND PEOPLE  
14 STARTED COMPARING NAMES AND LOOKING AT IT AND SAYING, "WHOOPS,  
15 THIS PERSON WORKS AT OUR FACILITY," AT WHICH POINT ON TUESDAY  
16 AFTERNOON WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT, IN FACT, THE EMPLOYEE WHO HAD  
17 BEEN PREVIOUSLY FIRED WAS REHIRED ON THE REGISTRY AND DID NOT  
18 GO THROUGH COUNTY PROCESSES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WE HAD THE  
23 DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TYPE OF ISSUE LATE LAST YEAR. AND THEN WE  
24 FIND OUT WE'RE STILL TRYING TO CORRECT THE SITUATION THAT



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1    OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. WHAT REVISIONS WERE MADE FOR  
2    REVIEWING THE JOB NEXUS DETERMINATIONS?

3

4    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE  
5    CHANGES IN THE POLICIES THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE  
6    DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN TERMS OF HOW WE DETERMINE  
7    WHETHER THERE'S NEXUS AND WHAT WE DO ABOUT IT. THE ISSUE THAT  
8    JUST OCCURRED IS REALLY A PROCESS OF NOT EVEN GOING THROUGH  
9    THAT PROCESS.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES OF THE MULTI-LAYER  
12   REVIEW PROCESS?

13

14   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL THE MULTI-LAYER REVIEW PROCESS  
15   REQUIRES THAT THERE BE A LIVE SCAN TO START WITH. THAT'S THE  
16   BEGINNING. AND THEN IT REQUIRES THAT IF THERE'S A FINDING THAT  
17   THERE'S A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND, THAT WE GO THROUGH THOSE  
18   PROCESSES THAT WERE LAID OUT BY D.H.R. TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
19   THERE'S A NEXUS WITH A PARTICULAR JOB AND WHETHER THAT  
20   EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE HIRED IF IT'S NEW HIRE, OR PROMOTED OR  
21   TRANSFERRED IF IT'S A TRANSFER OF PROMOTION.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE FIRED PLACED ON A DO  
24   NOT HIRE OR DO NOT SEND LIST? AND IF SO, WHEN WAS THIS



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1 ESTABLISHED? AND WHY WASN'T THIS INFORMATION CHECKED BY THE  
2 SUPERVISOR WHEN THE EMPLOYEES WERE SENT TO THE FACILITY?

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS A DO NOT SEND LIST.  
5 IT'S MOSTLY BEEN USED FOR REGISTRY STAFF THAT WE TURN AWAY AND  
6 SAY AT SOME POINT "DON'T SEND THESE BACK TO US." BUT WE'RE  
7 WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT ANYONE THAT WE FIRE IS PUT ON THAT  
8 SAME "DO NOT SEND" LIST. IF THIS EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN SENT FOR  
9 LIVE SCAN AT H.R., THEY WOULD HAVE CLEARLY KNOWN AND  
10 IDENTIFIED THIS PERSON-- HIM-- AND WOULD HAVE NOT PROCESSED  
11 HIM IN.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONTRACT STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE  
14 PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY. WAS THIS INFORMATION  
15 DISCLOSED BY MR. BEESLEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT?  
16 AND IF SO, HOW DOES THIS CLEARANCE, WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH COUNTY POLICY, SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS?

18

19 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, BASED ON DOCUMENTS WE'VE SEEN  
20 AND WAS ALSO DESCRIBED BY MEDISCAN, THE REGISTRY COMPANY  
21 YESTERDAY, THERE WERE INACCURACIES AND FALSEHOODS IN THE  
22 INFORMATION THAT MR. BEESLEY PUT ON HIS APPLICATION TO THE  
23 REGISTRY COMPANY.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE DEPARTMENT DISCIPLINE THE SUPERVISOR  
2    WHO CLEARED MR. BEASLEY'S REHIRING?

3

4    **DR. SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS  
5    COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE DAYS, DISCIPLINE WILL BE  
6    IMPLEMENTED FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS  
7    INCIDENT BASED UPON THE FINAL FINDINGS.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN MR. BEESLEY'S CASE, IN ADDITION TO ISSUES  
10    WHICH INVOLVE HIS CRIMINAL HISTORY, HE ALSO WORKED FOR SEVERAL  
11    DAYS IN JULY 2008 DESPITE HAVING LET HIS LICENSE AS A  
12    RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN EXPIRE. SO THE QUESTION IS: HOW DID THIS  
13    HAPPEN? AND WHAT ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES  
14    NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE?

15

16    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE'S A PROCESS IN THE  
17    DEPARTMENT WHEREBY WE TRACK THE LICENSURE AND THE EXPIRATION  
18    OF LICENSURE OF LICENSED EMPLOYEES. AND THE UNIT IN H.R. THAT  
19    DOES THIS SENDS OUT REMINDERS TO THE FACILITIES AHEAD OF TIME  
20    OF THAT LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE SO THAT THE FACILITY CAN WORK  
21    WITH THE EMPLOYEE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR  
22    LICENSE RENEWED. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT APPEARS THAT HE  
23    DID WORK FOR A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE HE GOT HIS LICENSE RENEWED.  
24    AND THAT'S A FAILURE PRIMARILY OF THE FACILITY. BUT WE, IN  
25    TERMS OF REMEDYING THIS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GIVE THE





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1 FACILITY NOTICE EARLIER AND REINFORCE IT SO THAT THERE'S LESS  
2 CHANCE OR NO CHANCE IN THE FUTURE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE WORKING  
3 WITHOUT A LICENSE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE STATE WILL ISSUE A  
6 LICENSE, RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN LICENSE, TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
7 HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR RAPE AND CONVICTED?

8

9 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO  
10 THAT. IN VARIOUS OF THE LICENSURE CATEGORIES, NURSING, FOR  
11 INSTANCE, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS AS THEY  
12 RENEW LICENSES, AS LICENSES COME UP. BUT THAT'S BEING HANDLED  
13 BASED ON EACH BOARD THAT LICENSES DIFFERENT TYPES OF NURSING,  
14 PHYSICIAN AND ALLIED HEALTH. AND I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC  
15 ANSWER ON RADIOLOGY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY AGREED WITH THE  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO DISCHARGE 19 EMPLOYEES.  
19 YOUR REPORT INDICATES THAT THIS HAS CHANGED. WE WOULD LIKE TO  
20 HAVE A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT BACK IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON WHAT  
21 CHANGES WERE MADE.

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HE WAS DISMISSED  
2   FROM U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER BECAUSE OF HIS CRIMINAL HISTORY.  
3   AND HOW DOES HE END UP AT ROYBAL?

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5   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, HE HAD WORKED AT L.A.C.  
6   U.S.C., HE TRANSFERRED TO KING AND HE WAS DISMISSED FROM THE  
7   M.L.K. M.A.C.C. THE EVEN HE ENDED UP AT ROYBAL IS HE CAME BACK  
8   IN THROUGH THE REGISTRY, AND THEY DID NOT-- THE SUPERVISOR DID  
9   NOT RUN HIM THROUGH LIVE SCAN.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WE TAKE A PERSON FROM THE REGISTRY,  
12   WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH LIVE SCAN AND HAVE BEEN  
13   CERTIFIED. SO WE TAKE THEM WITHOUT DOING A CHECK?

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15   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NO, SUPERVISOR. EVERYONE WHO COMES INTO  
16   OUR DEPARTMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE LIVE SCANNED BY US, BY THE  
17   COUNTY. EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN-- HAD A BACKGROUND CHECK FROM  
18   THE REGISTRY, WHICH THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. BUT WE'RE  
19   REQUIRED, OUR POLICY REQUIRES THAT WE LIVE SCAN THEM. IN THIS  
20   CASE, THAT POLICY WAS NOT FOLLOWED.

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS POLICY WAS IGNORED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
23   OF HEALTH SERVICES? OR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT?

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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THIS POLICY WAS IGNORED BY THE FACILITY,  
2 BY THE SUPERVISOR AT THE FACILITY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THE FACILITY. SO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE  
5 FACILITY CAN BYPASS YOUR PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF  
6 HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE COUNTY?

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN INTERJECT SOMETHING. THE ANSWER IS  
9 YES. BUT ANY POLICY IS ONLY AS GOOD AS PEOPLE WHO ENSURE OR  
10 COMPLY WITH THAT POLICY. THIS IS A CLEAR INSTANCE WHERE A  
11 POLICY WAS IN PLACE, WHERE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED, WHERE AN  
12 INDIVIDUAL WAS ASKED TO ACTUALLY SIGN STATING THAT SHE  
13 UNDERSTOOD THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY BUT WHO, FOR WHATEVER  
14 REASON, CHOSE NOT TO COMPLY WITH THAT POLICY. ANOTHER THING  
15 YOU ASKED ABOUT THE REGISTRY'S CRIMINAL SCREENING OR  
16 BACKGROUND PROCESS. THERE'S ALSO A WEAKNESS IN THAT PROCESS  
17 BECAUSE THE DOCUMENTS I SAW INDICATED THE ONLY REVIEW, ONLY GO  
18 BACK A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. WHEREAS WITH LIVE SCAN YOU LOOK AT  
19 THE TOTALITY, YOU LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE AN  
20 INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT. IF THERE'S ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND  
21 NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. THAT IN ITSELF IS  
22 FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG. AND SO YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE AN  
23 INDIVIDUAL FAILED TO COMPLY WITH AN ESTABLISHED, WRITTEN AND  
24 WELL-COMMUNICATED POLICY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION THAT  
2   I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE. "RECENT NEWS REPORTS HAVE UNDERSCORED  
3   WEAKNESSES IN THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE  
4   CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING PROCESS FOR CONTRACT AGENCIES  
5   THAT PROVIDE CLINICAL STAFF. CURRENT COUNTY POLICY REQUIRES  
6   ALL CONTRACT PERSONNEL TO BE PROPERLY SCREENED TO ENSURE THAT  
7   FITNESS TO PROVIDE CARE FOR PATIENTS IN OUR COUNTY FACILITIES  
8   AND CLINICS. THESE AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THESE  
9   CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AS SPECIFIED IN THEIR CONTRACTS  
10   WITH THE COUNTY. WE SHOULD NOT CONTRACT WITH AGENCIES WHO DO  
11   NOT TAKE THESE REQUIREMENTS SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER THE DEPARTMENT  
12   OF HEALTH SERVICES FAILED TO PROVIDE CLEAR AND PROPER  
13   DIRECTION TO THESE AGENCIES IN SCREENING THESE INDIVIDUALS.  
14   REQUIRING AGENCIES TO PERFORM THESE CHECKS ADDS AN ADDITIONAL  
15   SAFEGUARD ON TOP OF THE COUNTY'S ESTABLISHED OPERATIONAL  
16   PROTOCOLS. WHILE WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT OUR  
17   PATIENTS AND COUNTY FACILITIES, THE SAME ASSURANCES OF SAFETY  
18   SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS, NURSING  
19   HOMES AND OTHER CARE FACILITIES. THE CLEAREST POINT FOR THIS  
20   BACKGROUND CHECK IS AT THE TIME OF LICENSING BY THE STATE.  
21   IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE CURRENT PRACTICES ARE AMONG  
22   STATE AGENCIES AT THE TIME HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS SEEK THEIR  
23   LICENSE, AS WELL AS ASSIST THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS PRIVATE  
24   ORGANIZATIONS IN KNOWING THAT THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OF THE  
25   MEMBERS OF ITS POTENTIAL WORKFORCE HAS BEEN EVALUATED PRIOR TO



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1 LICENSING. ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE IS YOUR PRIZED TO LEARN FROM  
2 THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT AS MANY OF OUR  
3 FACILITIES, COUNTY SECURITY DO NOT CHECK TO MAKE SURE STAFF  
4 ENTERING THE BUILDINGS ARE WEARING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION  
5 BADGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY POLICY AND LICENSING  
6 STANDARDS. THERE'S NO POINT IN HAVING A REQUIREMENT THAT  
7 EMPLOYEES WEAR COUNTY BADGES IF THERE IS NO ONE ENFORCING THAT  
8 POLICY. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF OUR  
9 SECURITY PERSONNEL, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
10 THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY WERE NOT ENFORCING THESE POLICIES  
11 WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FAILURE TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY  
12 THIS PERSON'S INAPPROPRIATE ASSIGNMENT TO A COUNTY FACILITY.  
13 SO WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO  
14 ESTABLISH A STANDARD COUNTYWIDE PROTOCOL TO BE USED BY ALL  
15 REGISTRY AND TEMPORARY STAFFING AGENCY CONTRACTORS IN  
16 PERFORMING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AS STIPULATED IN THE  
17 COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH THESE AGENCIES. THIS OUGHT TO INCLUDE A  
18 COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS CURRENTLY  
19 BEING PERFORMED BY OUR CONTRACT AGENCIES AND WHETHER THEY MEET  
20 THE COUNTY STANDARDS. TWO, EVALUATE THE PRACTICES BY ALL STATE  
21 AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE  
22 PROFESSIONALS REGARDING THE CONDUCTING OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND  
23 CHECKS AS A COMPONENT OF THE LICENSING PROCESS. THIS OUGHT TO  
24 INCLUDE THE CRITERIA, STANDARDS AND EVALUATION PROCESSES USED  
25 BY EACH AGENCY IN CONDUCTING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND



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1 DETERMINING THE FITNESS OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE WHO ARE  
2 FOUND TO HAVE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS  
3 ON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE  
4 POLICY REMEDIES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL  
5 LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE A STANDARDIZED  
6 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF LICENSING AND WORK  
7 WITH OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A  
8 PROTOCOL FOR SECURITY AT D.H.S. FACILITIES, ENSURING THAT ALL  
9 PERSONNEL ARE WEARING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION BADGE IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY POLICY." MR. CHAIRMAN.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 MOLINA. I KNOW SHE HAS SOME QUESTIONS. I JUST WOULD ADD ON  
14 ITEM 4 THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, AS  
15 WELL. BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOME OF THE SAME KINDS OF SITUATIONS.  
16 AND OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THE MOTION. BUT, AGAIN, I HOPE WE'RE  
17 NOT BACK IN A FEW MONTHS SAYING HOW IN THE HELL DID THIS  
18 HAPPEN?

19  
20 **SUP. MOLINA:** COUNT ON IT.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN GET LEGISLATIVE RELIEF AND DO ALL  
23 THE OTHER KIND OF THINGS, BUT, STILL, WE'VE GONE OVER AND OVER  
24 AND OVER THIS. AND YOU STILL ASK THE QUESTION, HOW IN THE HELL  
25 DID THIS HAPPEN? SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA?





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE VERY DISTURBING PART OF THIS INCIDENT.  
3 IT'S VERY DISTURBING AT EVERY LEVEL. IT'S DISTURBING BECAUSE  
4 WE PUT IN PLACE PROCESSES TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THAT. IT  
5 IS DISTURBING THAT AFTER WE FOUND OUT WE HAD A RAPIST, THAT WE  
6 PUT IN ANOTHER SET OF PROTECTIONS. IT IS DISTURBING BECAUSE  
7 THE ONLY THING THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN WAS THAT NO ONE THAT WE KNOW  
8 OF WAS RAPED ON OUR PREMISES BY THIS INDIVIDUAL. BUT IT COULD  
9 HAVE HAPPENED. AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST DISTURBING OF  
10 ALL. NOW, I SEE THE FAILURE AT THREE DIFFERENT CHECKPOINTS,  
11 ALL OF WHICH FAILED US. FIRST OF ALL, OUR OWN INTERNAL  
12 PROCESSES. FIRST OF ALL, THIS INDIVIDUAL, THIS SUPERVISOR WHO  
13 WAS ALLOWED TO CALL REGISTRIES WITHOUT ANYBODY SUPERVISING HER  
14 WAS TRAINED IN THE NEW PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES. WE PAID FOR  
15 HER TRAINING. SHE WENT AND SAT THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS  
16 THREE HOURS OR SIX HOURS OR SEVEN HOURS. AND IT'S MY  
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE SIGNED A DOCUMENT THAT SAID SHE WAS  
18 TRAINED IN THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES. IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I KNOW THAT SHE ATTENDED THE TRAINING. SHE  
21 IS ON THE ROSTER.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE SIGNED A ROSTER.

24

25 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT SHE PUT COTTON BALLS IN HER EARS SO SHE  
3 REFUSED TO LISTEN TO IT, RIGHT? HOW DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE KNOW  
4 THAT THEY LISTENED? THEY SIGNED A ROSTER AND THEN THEY WENT  
5 AND TOOK A STARBUCKS BREAK. HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE WAS THERE?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T.

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11 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I KNOW SHE WAS THERE TO SIGN IN,  
12 SUPERVISOR.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO SHE SIGNED IN AND THEN TOOK A BREAK AND LEFT.  
15 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE POLICIES AND  
16 PROCEDURES WERE.

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SHE DID NOT IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES,  
19 SUPERVISOR.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO-- AND THIS IS VERY  
22 TROUBLING TO HAVE TO GO TO THIS LEVEL. I MEAN THIS IS SO  
23 SERIOUS THAT WHEN WE EMPOWER PEOPLE, WE PAY THEM AND WE  
24 EMPOWER THEM. AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY THAT OUR ASSUMPTION  
25 IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW BASIC RULES, AND WHEN WE TRAIN



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1    THEM IN NEW PROCESSES, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HONOR THOSE  
2    PROCESSES. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE BEEN  
3    VIOLATED EVERY SINGLE TIME, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
4    PUBLIC, BY THE INEPTNESS OF THE PERSONNEL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5    HEALTH SERVICES, TO PROTECT US FROM THIS RAPIST, AT EVERY  
6    LEVEL. SO WHEN EVEN WHEN WE FIND OUT WE'RE GOING TO PUT NEW  
7    PROCEDURES IN PLACE BUT NOTHING HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE DON'T  
8    FOLLOW IT. WE INVESTIGATE. YOU GET TO TAKE A VACATION. RIGHT?

9

10    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR--

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12    **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I STAY HOME AND I'M GETTING PAID, THAT'S  
13    USUALLY CALLED A VACATION.

14

15    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE EMPLOYEE WAS PLACED ON  
16    ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY.

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18    **SUP. MOLINA:** WITH PAY. SORT OF LIKE A VACATION.

19

20    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I'VE INDICATED THAT WE WILL MOVE  
21    EXPEDITIOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT DISCIPLINE.

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW EXPEDITIOUS IS THAT? I WAS TOLD THAT TODAY  
24    THERE WOULD BE SOME ACTION. WHAT COULD BE TAKING SO LONG?

25



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** JUST FINISHING THE REPORT. AND IN MY MIND-

2 -

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE STAYED UP LAST NIGHT TO

5 FINISHED IT. IS IT A WRITING PROBLEM? LET ME TELL YOU WHY I'M

6 SO CONCERNED. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO GO A LITTLE

7 FURTHER. WHEN WE HAVE SITUATIONS LIKE THIS THAT SO VIOLATE US-

8 - AND THEY DO VIOLATE US-- MAYBE WHEN THE TRAINING GOES ON,

9 THERE HAS TO BE A DOCUMENT. "I HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THE

10 FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. I UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. I

11 WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. AND I KNOW THAT IF I

12 VIOLATE AND DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE PROCEDURES, I WILL BE

13 DISMISSED. DISMISSED." LEGALLY COULD WE DO THAT? LIKE A

14 CONTRACT, RIGHT?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DO IT EVERY TIME YOU TAKE YOUR

17 ETHICS TRAINING. YOU HAVE TO SIGN A DOCUMENT SAYING YOU'VE

18 BEEN THROUGH THE TRAINING.

19

20 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. YOU

21 CERTAINLY COULD REQUIRE CERTIFICATION FROM AN EMPLOYEE AFTER

22 ANY TRAINING THAT THEY WERE THERE AND THEY UNDERSTOOD IT AND

23 THAT THEY WOULD IMPLEMENT IT. THE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

24 FLOWING FROM THAT, I WOULDN'T WANT TO FORECLOSE AT THAT TIME



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1 TO INCLUDE DISMISSAL BECAUSE THERE ARE VARIOUS FACTORS THAT  
2 COME INTO PLAY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT TELL AN EMPLOYEE RIGHT THERE AND THEN  
5 THAT IF THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF THOSE PROCEDURES THAT THEY  
6 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR, THAT THEY CAN BE DISMISSED? THAT WAY WE  
7 DON'T HAVE TO PAY HER FOR HER VACATION OR HIS OR HER VACATION,  
8 FOR THEIR VACATION, RIGHT? THEY GET TO GO HOME WITHOUT PAY.

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES HERE THAT'S GOING ON IS  
13 THAT YOU GOT A BUNCH OF EMPLOYEES MAKING FUN OF US. I MEAN, WE  
14 SIT HERE, WE'RE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE,  
15 AND YET AT THE SAME TIME THEY'VE GOT EMPLOYEES WHO WE'RE  
16 PAYING FOR, EMPOWERING THEM TO CARRY OUT OUR PROCESSES AND  
17 PROCEDURES AND THEN TURNING AROUND AND IGNORING US. SO WHAT DO  
18 YOU DO WITH SOMEONE WHO IGNORES US? DO WE JUST LET THEM  
19 CONTINUE TO DO THAT? OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO  
20 THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS. WHAT WOULD THAT MESSAGE  
21 BE? THAT YOU GET TO TAKE A VACATION?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK I INDICATED AND IT WAS  
24 CERTAINLY REPORTED IN THE PAPER, I THINK THIS IS AN OUTRAGEOUS  
25 ACTIVITY OR ACTION ON THE PART OF THIS SUPERVISOR. AND AS SOON



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1 AS WE'VE LOOKED AT ONE OR TWO THINGS THAT WE NEED TO FINISH UP  
2 IN THIS INVESTIGATION, WE WILL ACT QUICKLY TO TAKE ACTION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** QUICKLY IS NOT A WORD YOU CAN USE HERE, MR.  
5 SCHUNHOFF. NOT QUICKLY. QUICKLY IS TO ACT BEFORE THE END OF  
6 THE DAY. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING. ANYWAY, SO HERE WE ARE,  
7 GIVING YOU NEW INSTRUCTIONS, NEW PROCESSES, NEW PROCEDURES  
8 THAT I'M SURE THAT THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT DON'T SEEM TO BE  
9 GETTING THE MESSAGE THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS, ARE GOING TO GET A  
10 VACATION WITH PAY. AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE AS  
11 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULDN'T TAKE  
12 MORE THAN 24 HOURS. IT EITHER IS OR IT ISN'T. RIGHT?

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I THINK YOUR  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION IS GREAT. AND I WOULD  
18 SUGGEST A MOTION THAT WAS CO-AUTHORED BY YOURSELF AND  
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH BE ADDED TO THAT SO THAT WE INCLUDE THAT  
20 CERTIFICATION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE THAT, BILL. BUT MY ISSUE IS, IS THAT  
23 AM I SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESOLVE  
24 THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE? I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THE DAY-TO-  
25 DAY MANAGER FOR SOME OF THIS STUFF.





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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT BELIEVE ME, THAT'S THE LEVEL THAT NEEDS TO BE  
5 DONE. AND PROBABLY, I NEED TO SET UP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
6 FOR EVERYBODY ELSE. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE EMPOWERED TO  
7 PROTECT US.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. WHEN JOHN AND I FIRST DISCUSSED  
10 THIS MATTER, AND I WORKED WITH JOHN FOR OVER 20 YEARS, I'VE  
11 NEVER SEEN HIM ANGRIER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO  
12 ADDRESS THIS. I MENTIONED THIS IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF AN  
13 INDIVIDUAL CLEARLY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A DEPARTMENTAL  
14 POLICY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND HOW HE COULD  
17 GO HOME WITH PAY.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT YOU HAD A QUESTION. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS  
20 THAT. BUT YOU HAD A QUESTION THAT SPOKE TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE  
21 PAID ATTENTION OR THE PERSON PAID ATTENTION OR LISTENED DURING  
22 THE TRAINING. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I CAN'T PROVIDE A LOT OF  
23 INFORMATION BECAUSE IT'S A DISCIPLINARY ACTION. IN RESPECT TO  
24 HER OWN RIGHTS AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I CAN SAY THAT THERE'S A  
25 MISSION OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE POLICY WAS AND A DECISION



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1 NOT TO COMPLY. AND SO THERE IS NO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THE  
2 PERSON UNDERSTOOD. NOW WITH RESPECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
3 LEAVE, IT WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF  
4 AN INVESTIGATION. YES, AN INVESTIGATION DOES TAKE TIME. AND I  
5 KNOW THAT THE PREFERENCE WOULD BE ONE THAT WAS DONE AS YOU  
6 SAID 24 HOURS, OR VERY QUICKLY. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS WE ALL  
7 HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF BECAUSE OF A CIVIL SERVICE PROCESS OF  
8 NOT SUSTAINING AN ACTION, A DISCIPLINARY ACTION BECAUSE THE  
9 FACTS, OR THE INFORMATION THAT THE ACTION WOULD BE BASED ON,  
10 WAS EITHER INCOMPLETE OR INSUFFICIENT. IN THIS INSTANCE, IT'S  
11 IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE I'S ARE DOTTED, T'S ARE CROSSED TO MAKE  
12 SURE IT'S AS SOUND AND TIGHT AS POSSIBLE. BUT THE DEPARTMENT  
13 HAS NOT-- HAS TAKEN THIS VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. BECAUSE THIS IS  
14 AN ISSUE THAT ASIDE FROM BEING JUST A GROSS EMBARRASSMENT, IT  
15 WAS ABSOLUTELY IRRESPONSIBLE. AND JOHN DOES RECOGNIZE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S VERY IRRESPONSIBLE. BESIDES GROSS  
18 EMBARRASSMENT, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I TOTALLY AGREE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. THERE ARE ISSUES  
23 THERE AND I HOPE YOU WILL RESOLVE THEM, AND I HOPE IT'S GOING  
24 TO BE QUICK QUICK TO ME MEANS TOMORROW. IT DOESN'T MEAN WHEN I  
25 FINISH WRITING THE REPORT. IT MEANS QUICK. I THINK WE NEED TO



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1 TAKE SOME ACTION. I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH A  
2 DUE PROCESS. THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL KINDS OF ISSUES AS  
3 FAR AS DISCIPLINE IS CONCERNED. I'M SURE SHE'S ENTITLED TO ALL  
4 KINDS OF CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS, WHICH WE TRY AND DO SO  
5 THAT WHEN IN FACT SUPERVISORS OR PEOPLE TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST  
6 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE WARRANTED, THEY ARE PROTECTED. IN THIS  
7 INSTANCE, WHEN SOMETHING IS AS CLEAR AS THAT, I THINK WE NEED  
8 TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER HER DUE PROCESS OR  
9 HIS DUE PROCESS IS, THAT WE HAVE INVESTIGATED ALL ASPECTS OF  
10 IT, WHICH IS WHY I CONTINUE TO CHECK THAT OUR LEGAL COUNSEL IS  
11 ON TOP OF THIS ISSUE AND KNOWS EVERY SINGLE ANSWER BEFORE  
12 THESE QUESTIONS ARE ASKED, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THESE  
13 EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO FILE THESE GRIEVANCES ABOUT HOW UNFAIR  
14 THIS WAS AND HOW THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN. AND SO WE NEED SAFEGUARDS  
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS GOING ON. AND I THINK, JOHN, I'D  
16 HATE TO SEE YOU HERE ANOTHER COUPLE OF MONTHS WITH ANOTHER ONE  
17 OF THESE SITUATIONS. YOU'VE GOT SOMEBODY WHO ENJOYS COMING IN  
18 TO OUR SYSTEM PRETTY REGULARLY. AND IT SEEMS TO BE A JOKE FOR  
19 HIM ON A REGULAR BASIS. NOW, THE NEXT VIOLATION IS THE PEOPLE  
20 THAT WE EMPOWER TO BRING IN TRUSTED EMPLOYEES, TEMPORARY  
21 EMPLOYEES, THESE ARE OUR REGISTRIES. NOW, THEY'RE ONLY AS GOOD  
22 AS WE MONITOR THEM. AND I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK ABOUT  
23 MONITORING THEM BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S A RUNNING GAG IN L.A.  
24 COUNTY. SO IT DOES REALLY REQUIRE SOME INVESTIGATION, AS WELL.  
25 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT INVESTIGATION IS GOING TO TAKE.



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1 BUT I AM HOPING THAT YOU ALSO HAVE PEOPLE THAT KNOW EXACTLY  
2 WHAT'S GOING ON. NOW, THIS INDIVIDUAL GOES IN AND FILLS OUT AN  
3 APPLICATION. AND OBVIOUSLY THEY REVIEW IT, RIGHT?

4

5 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YET WHEN I READ IT, IT SHOWS HIS EMPLOYMENT  
8 HISTORY WITH THE COUNTY. AND WHEN IT ASKED THE QUESTION, "THE  
9 REASON FOR LEAVING", IT SAYS "A PROMOTION." HAVE YOU READ  
10 THIS?

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, THAT'S WHAT I SAID. HE FALSIFIED WHAT  
13 HE SAID ABOUT WHY HE LEFT THE COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ANYONE WHO READ THIS WOULD SAY: WHY WOULD YOU  
16 LEAVE? BECAUSE YOU GOT PROMOTED? YOU LEFT? SO HAVE WE GONE  
17 BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS  
18 APPLICATION? I MEAN WE EMPOWER THEM, AS WELL. HAVE WE TALKED  
19 TO THEM?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS AN APPLICATION MAINTAINED BY THE  
22 REGISTRY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. SO THE REGISTRY OWES US A DUTY, AS  
25 WELL. BECAUSE WE'RE PAYING THEM CASH FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT



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1    THEY SEND US. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN  
2    CHECKED OUT. IN HIS APPLICATION, IT'S NOT THE ONLY LIE HE  
3    TOLD, BY THE WAY.

4

5    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE'S NO QUESTION  
6    THAT THE REGISTRY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** OH GOLLY, YOU WORKED AT THE COUNTY, YOU WERE  
9    PROMOTED SO YOU LEFT?

10

11    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WHAT IT IMPLIES IS THE REASON WHY HE  
12    LEFT IS TO TAKE A PROMOTION. THE REASON WHY HE LEFT WAS TO  
13    TAKE A HIGHER-LEVEL POSITION. THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT. BUT  
14    THE FACT REMAINS, I MENTIONED THAT THE REGISTRY HAD A PRACTICE  
15    OF REVIEWING ONLY THE PAST SEVEN YEARS OF A PERSON'S--

16

17    **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M JUST ASKING LAST MONTH. IT SAID HE WAS  
18    TERMINATED. HE STARTED WORKING FOR THE REGISTRY THE FOLLOWING  
19    WEEK. AND THE REASON HE LEFT L.A. COUNTY IS BECAUSE OF A  
20    PROMOTION. YOU THINK SOMEBODY WOULD QUESTION THAT. I MEAN, YOU  
21    DON'T GET A PROMOTION BY GOING AND WORKING AS A REGISTRY. YOU  
22    GET A PROMOTION IF YOU GET A GOOD JOB SOMEWHERE ELSE IN  
23    ANOTHER STATE. SO SOMEBODY WOULD QUESTION SOME OF THIS STUFF.  
24    SO OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE AN ISSUE, AS WELL, WHICH IS THE SECOND  
25    ISSUE. BESIDES OUR OWN INTERNAL PROCESSES, WE ALSO HAVE AN



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1    ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE PEOPLE WE EMPOWER UNDER THESE  
2    REGISTRIES AS FAR AS MONITORING WHAT THEY DO. WHETHER IN FACT  
3    THEY CHECK FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS, IS THAT ON THE CONTRACT? THEY  
4    ONLY HAVE TO CHECK FOR SIX MONTHS? IS THAT ON THE CONTRACT?

5

6    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE'S ANOTHER VIOLATION. WE JUST LET THEM DO  
9    THAT ALL DAY LONG? AND THEN WE PAY THEM FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT  
10    THEY SEND OVER. I MEAN HOW DO WE KNOW? I MEAN THESE PEOPLE ARE  
11    SUPPOSED TO BE LICENSED. SO THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO CHECK THOSE  
12    THINGS.

13

14    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THEY ARE. AND WE ARE SUPPOSED TO, TOO.  
15    WE'RE SUPPOSED TO, WHEN THEY'RE PROCESSED IN THROUGH H.R. WE  
16    CHECK THEIR LICENSE.

17

18    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEVER MONITOR THAT ANY OF THESE REGISTRIES DO  
19    THEIR DUE DILIGENCE ON THEIR END OF IT, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW.  
20    OKAY? YOU JUST NEED A NURSE RIGHT AWAY. YOU NEED A HEALTH  
21    WORKER RIGHT AWAY. SO THESE PEOPLE COME IN. AND YOU NEED THEM  
22    RIGHT AWAY. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT GIVES YOU ENOUGH TIME  
23    TO DO ALL THE WORK THAT YOU NEED TO DO. GRANTED, EVEN THOUGH  
24    PROCESSES HAVE BEEN VIOLATED HERE. BUT MY CONCERN IS I THINK  
25    YOU NEED TO DO AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK WITH THESE REGISTRIES. AND





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1 THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE THIS INDIVIDUAL LIED ON HIS  
2 APPLICATION TO THE REGISTRY, BUT THEY ALSO HAD A  
3 RESPONSIBILITY OF DUE DILIGENCE TO US TO AT LEAST HAVE SOME  
4 INFORMATION ON THERE. AND EVEN ASK THEM BASIC QUESTIONS. AS  
5 FAR AS THE CRIMINAL PAST, I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY DON'T KNOW  
6 HOW SOMEONE COULD CHECK A CRIMINAL RECORD. AND I DON'T KNOW  
7 HOW FELONIES GET ERASED FOR SEVEN YEARS.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY DON'T.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES ANYONE KNOW? I MEAN HOW COULD THEY HAVE  
12 REALLY DONE IT IF IN FACT IT WOULD NOT HAVE SHOWN UP? IT  
13 DOESN'T DISAPPEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS. DOES IT? ON A CRIMINAL  
14 CHECK?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING IT SHOULDN'T.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE AN AGENCY THAT DOESN'T DO  
19 CRIMINAL CHECKS EVEN THOUGH THEY TELL YOU.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT  
22 THIS COMPANY COMPLIED WITH THE CONTRACTUAL TERMS. AT THIS  
23 POINT IN TIME, WE'RE NOT ACCEPTING ANY NEW STAFF FROM THIS  
24 COMPANY. THE ONLY STAFF-- WE'RE ALSO REINFORCING IN D.H.S. THE  
25 REQUIREMENT-- AGAIN, THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR ANY NEW



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1 EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY'RE HIRED, BUT TO BE LIVE  
2 SCANNED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THAT ALSO WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH. WE  
3 ARE LOOKING AT THIS CONTRACTOR. WE HAVE SENT A LETTER TO THE  
4 CONTRACTOR STOPPING ANY NEW HIRES. WE'RE INSURING THAT ANYONE  
5 WHO IS WORKING THROUGH A REGISTRY HAS GONE THROUGH THE H.R.  
6 PROCESS. THIS PERSON SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO H.R. BEFORE  
7 HE WALKED IN THROUGH THE RADIOLOGY UNIT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM. BUT THE OTHER ISSUE  
10 IS THAT WHEN YOU HAVE THESE REGISTRIES THAT TELL YOU-- AND I  
11 HAVE THE REGISTRY REPORT THAT THEY DID ON HIM, AND IT SAYS  
12 THAT THEY DID A NATIONAL CRIMINAL CHECK. THEY DID THE NATIONAL  
13 SEX OFFENDER CHECK. THEY DID AN O.I.G. COMPLIANCE CHECK, A  
14 SOCIAL SECURITY TRACE. AND NONE OF THIS SHOWS THAT THIS MAN  
15 HAD COMMITTED THESE FELONIES.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THAT SAME FORM ALSO SPEAKS TO A SEVEN-YEAR  
18 PERIOD.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. MR. FUJIOKA, I WILL ASK YOU ONE  
21 MORE TIME. WHY WITHIN A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD DOES A FELONY GET  
22 ERASED FROM A NATIONAL CRIMINAL RECORD?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SHOULD NOT.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THE JOB HE APPLIED FOR WHEN HE GOT  
6    THIS JOB?

7

8    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RADIOLOGY TECH.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY THE JOB HE APPLIED  
11   FOR? THANK YOU.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT IS A WHOLE AREA WHERE, AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO  
14   LOOK AT ALL OF THESE REGISTRIES BECAUSE THEY ALSO ARE NOT  
15   TAKING VERY SERIOUSLY THIS PROCESS AT ALL. SO THEY ARE  
16   REFERRING PEOPLE TO US THAT OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE NOT HONORING  
17   THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. WE'RE PAYING THEM FOR IT AS A SERVICE.  
18   THEN FINALLY, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF SECURITY. NOW, I MAKE AN  
19   ASSUMPTION. AND MAYBE AN INCORRECT ONE. THAT WHEN YOU ISSUE  
20   SOMEBODY A BADGE-- AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IN ALL OF OUR  
21   HEALTH FACILITIES, PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEARING THEIR  
22   BADGES ALL DAY, CORRECT?

23

24   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

25



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1     **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

2

3     **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** FOR A VARIETY OF SECURITY REASONS.

4

5     **SUP. MOLINA:** SECURITY REASONS.

6

7     **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO  
8     ARE IN PATIENT CARE AREAS ARE IN FACT COUNTY STAFF OR COUNTY-  
9     REFERRED STAFF WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE THERE.

10

11    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, AGAIN, THIS PERSON WHO WAS ASSIGNED, WHAT WAS  
12    HIS POSITION AGAIN?

13

14    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RADIOLOGY TECH.

15

16    **SUP. MOLINA:** HE WAS AN X-RAY TECHNICIAN. SO DID HE HAVE A  
17    BADGE?

18

19    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** HE DID NOT HAVE A COUNTY BADGE, NO.

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO OUR SECURITY PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO CHECK THAT  
22    BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THEIR JOB, CORRECT?

23

24    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NO. IN MY VIEW, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
25    ASSURING THAT STAFF HAVE AN APPROPRIATE COUNTY BADGE IS A DUAL



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1 RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS, THE  
2 SUPERVISORS IN THE FACILITY, AND THE SECURITY. I THINK  
3 SECURITY PLAYS A ROLE, BUT I THINK THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED  
4 TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING A POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
5 WITHIN THIS FACILITY ARE THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE FACILITY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WRITTEN? IS THAT DOCUMENTED? SO THAT THEY  
8 WALK IN AND THEY GO AROUND CHECKING BADGES ALL DAY LONG? IS  
9 THAT PART OF THEIR JOB?

10

11 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T THINK IT IS WELL ENOUGH  
12 DOCUMENTED. THAT'S ONE OF THE FOLLOW-UP ISSUES WE NEED TO DO,  
13 IS TO BE VERY CLEAR WITH ALL THE FACILITY ABOUT THEIR  
14 RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
15 AND WITH THEIR CONTRACTED SECURITY FIRM, AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I TALKED TO THEM AND THEY SAID IT'S NOT THEIR JOB  
18 TO CHECK BADGES. NOT IN THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION.

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT CAN BE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT ISN'T.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHO TOLD YOU IT'S NOT?

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** O.P.S.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TOLD YOU IT'S  
4    NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY?

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THEIR JOB.

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YET WE HIRE THEM BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION IS  
11   THAT SECURITY IS GOING AROUND CHECKING BADGES. YOU HAVE  
12   EMPLOYEES PUTTING ON BADGES ALL DAY LONG. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE  
13   FAKE BADGES THAT PEOPLE MAKE, AND THAT COULD HAVE BEEN GOING  
14   ON, BUT THIS WASN'T EVEN THAT. HE JUST WASN'T WEARING THE  
15   APPROPRIATE BADGE. YET HE WAS GOING BEHIND WHERE THERE'S ONLY  
16   SUPPOSED TO BE PEOPLE THAT ARE APPROPRIATELY SCREENED AND  
17   REVIEWED. AND WHEN YOU CHECK WITH SECURITY, ALL OF A SUDDEN,  
18   YOU KNOW THAT WHOLE OLD JOKE "AIN'T MY JOB"?

19

20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS AN UNACCEPTABLE ANSWER.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT IS THE ANSWER.

23

24   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SHOULD NOT BE THE ANSWER.

25





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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT IS THE ANSWER.

2

3    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND A HEALTHCARE FACILITY--

4

5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE ANSWER YOU GOT. BUT IT IS NOT  
6    THE RIGHT ANSWER.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. IT IS THE RIGHT ANSWER BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN  
9    THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION.

10

11    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAINTAINING--

12

13    **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WHEN WE GO TO CIVIL SERVICE, IT IS WHAT IT  
14    IS. "IT WASN'T IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION," RIGHT? SO WE'RE GOING  
15    TO LOSE THAT CASE.

16

17    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE ARE DOCUMENTS IN OUR COUNTY POLICIES AND  
18    D.H.S. POLICIES THAT SPEAK TO THE REQUIREMENT OF WEARING AN  
19    I.D. BADGE. IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE SECURITY STAFF ENSURING  
20    THAT, LOOK AT THE SAFETY ISSUE, SECURITY.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN I ASKED THE QUESTION YESTERDAY, BILL, I SAID  
23    WHAT DOES SECURITY DO IF THEY DON'T CHECK BADGES? THEY CREATE  
24    A PRESENCE IS WHAT THE ANSWER WAS.

25



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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT ANSWERED YOU DOESN'T  
2   MEAN NECESSARILY HE WAS GIVING YOU THE RIGHT ANSWERS. HIS  
3   ANSWERS WERE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE AND OUTRAGEOUS.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST FIGURE WHEN I TALK TO SECURITY PERSONNEL,  
6   I FIGURE THEY'RE GIVING ME THE RIGHT ANSWER. WHO AM I SUPPOSED  
7   TO TALK TO? DO YOU WANT NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER, I'LL  
8   GIVE IT TO YOU.

9

10   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FOR SOMEONE TO SAY, WHO'S A SECURITY PERSON,  
11   I'M ONLY HERE TO CREATE A PRESENCE IS ABSURD. I WAS IN THE  
12   ROOM WITH YOU WHEN THEY SAID THAT. I HEARD YOUR PHONE CALL,  
13   THAT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY ACCURATELY PORTRAYING OR REPEATING WHAT  
14   THE PERSON SAID. BUT IT DOESN'T STILL EXCUSE THE  
15   OUTRAGEOUSNESS OF SAYING "I'M ONLY HERE TO CREATE A PRESENCE"  
16   THEY'RE HERE TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY OF THE FACILITY.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** BILL, I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, I'M OVERALL  
19   TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT WE AS BOARD MEMBERS ARE  
20   TRYING TO CREATE A SERIES OF SAFEGUARDS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
21   HAS JUST PUT IN A MOTION: DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS, RIGHT? OUR  
22   ASSUMPTION IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, NUMBER ONE. AND  
23   THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING TO DO IT. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE  
24   FURTHER PROTECTED. BUT THEN YOU GET CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS THAT



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1 ARE MADE THAT WHEN YOU WEAR A BADGE AND YOU HAVE A SECURITY  
2 DETAIL, THAT SOMEBODY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE BADGE.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT NOW WHEN I CALLED UP AND THEY SAID "HEY, IT  
7 AIN'T MY JOB" I'M SUPPOSED TO SIT AT MY SECURITY KIOSK AND  
8 I'LL GET CALLED WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM LIKE A FIGHT OR AN  
9 ISSUE, THEN I HAUL SOMEBODY OUT. OR I WALK AROUND AND CREATE A  
10 PRESENCE WAS THE RESPONSE I GOT. SO I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING  
11 HERE IS THAT WE REALLY HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT STEM FROM  
12 THIS. AND WE REALLY NEED TO INVESTIGATE ALL OF THEM. BECAUSE  
13 THE ONLY FORTUNATE THING FOR US IS THAT NOBODY'S LIFE WAS IN  
14 DANGER. THERE WAS NO OTHER VIOLATION. IT COULD HAVE BEEN A  
15 CHILD. AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO THINK THAT WAY WHEN YOU START  
16 LOOKING AT WHAT WE NEED TO CORRECT. IT ISN'T JUST GOING OUT  
17 AND IMPLEMENTING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AND SAYING  
18 "OKAY, NOW WE'RE ALL SAFE." IT IS A MATTER OF AUDITING YOUR  
19 OWN SYSTEMS WHEN THEY FAIL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SAFE AND  
20 THAT WHAT WE SAY IS WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND I THINK THIS IS THE  
21 FAILING HERE. AND SO I AM BEING SO DRAMATIC ABOUT ALL OF THIS  
22 BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED  
23 ANY MORE. WE KEEP BEING TOLD 100 WHICH WAYS. AND THIS STARTED  
24 WAY BACK FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING INCIDENT IN THE HOSPITAL.  
25 AND THAT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR A WHILE, UNFORTUNATELY. AND WE ARE



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1 STILL SUFFERING THOSE ISSUES TODAY. HEAVEN KNOWS, WE'RE  
2 PROBABLY GOING TO SUFFER THEM SOME MORE TOMORROW. BUT IT  
3 REALLY REQUIRES EACH OF YOU TO TAKE THESE INCIDENTS AND WORK  
4 BACKWARDS. WHAT HAPPENED HERE? HOW DO WE PREVENT THIS FROM  
5 HAPPENING AGAIN? HOW DO WE PROVIDE ASSURANCES? IF YOU ONLY GO  
6 SO FAR AS TAKING THE EMPLOYEE OUT OR WHOEVER ALLOWED HIM TO  
7 CONTINUE TO WORK, IT ISN'T ENOUGH. BECAUSE I NEED TO POINT OUT  
8 TO YOU THAT THE REGISTRY, WHO HAS A CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITY TO  
9 US, IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE. EVEN THOUGH ON THEIR STATEMENT THEY  
10 VERY CLEARLY SAY, "HEY, WE AIN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THIS  
11 INFORMATION." SO THEY'RE OFF THE RECORD LEGALLY, OKAY? SO HAD  
12 THIS PERSON VIOLATED A CHILD OR SOMEONE, THEY'RE ALL LIKE,  
13 "HANDS OFF, AIN'T MY JOB, I DON'T DO THAT." AND SO EVERYBODY  
14 HAS PROTECTED THEMSELVES BY SAYING "THAT'S NOT WHAT I DO." OUR  
15 ASSUMPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN, OUR ASSUMPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN  
16 THAT WE SCREEN THEM ON DAY ONE WHEN THEY COME IN. THEY GET  
17 SCREENED BY THE REGISTRY THAT BRINGS THEM HERE. THEY GET  
18 REVIEWED BY SECURITY PEOPLE WHEN THEY WALK IN THE DOOR. ALL OF  
19 THAT FAILED HERE. SO ALL OF IT REQUIRES AN AUDIT AND A REVIEW.  
20 SO WHILE WE'RE IMPLEMENTING THIS LATEST MOTION, IT REALLY  
21 REQUIRES EACH OF YOU IN ALL OF THESE AREAS, YOUR  
22 ADMINISTRATORS AT THE TOP LEVEL, YOUR H.R. PEOPLE, YOUR  
23 SECURITY PEOPLE-- I DON'T WANT TO BE PAYING FOR A SECURITY  
24 GUARD THAT SITS AROUND IN A KIOSK ALL DAY. OR WALKS AROUND  
25 CREATING A PRESENCE. THAT'S NOT-- THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO



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1 CARRY OUT THEIR ROLE. AND IF IT'S NOT IN THEIR JOB  
2 DESCRIPTION, SOMEBODY'S GOT TO START WRITING IT. SO I'M SORRY  
3 TO BE SO DIFFICULT, BUT THIS IS SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS ACT, SO  
4 TRULY OUTRAGEOUS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW SOME OF US FEEL  
5 ABOUT IT. AND WE'RE VERY WORRIED THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE  
6 THIS NEW MOTION AND JUST DO IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHAT HE  
7 SAID. NUMBER ONE, NUMBER TWO. YOU'VE GOT TO GO BEYOND THAT.  
8 BECAUSE YOU HAVE SYSTEMS THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN PLACE THAT ARE  
9 FAILING US. SO YOU NEED TO AUDIT THOSE SYSTEMS. YOU NEED TO  
10 GET ALL OF YOUR PERSONNEL TO START WORKING NIGHT AND DAY TO  
11 FIGURE OUT HOW TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES. BECAUSE WHAT THEY'RE  
12 TELLING US WHILE THEY'RE TELLING US ALL DAY LONG, TELLS US  
13 TODAY THAT WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SAYING IS TOTALLY UNTRUE. AND  
14 THAT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR ALL OF US.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THREE  
19 OBSERVATIONS WILL SUFFICE, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS THAT THE  
20 MANTRA OF ZERO TOLERANCE HAS TO JUST BE PROPOUNDED WITH THE  
21 KIND OF REGULARITY THAT CAN'T BE AVOIDED. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU  
22 REACH CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
23 SERVICES ABSENT THE ROUTINE REFRAIN OF JUST THAT. AND THE  
24 APPROPRIATE WAYS TO FOLLOW UP ON IT SEEM TO ME TO BE WELL  
25 WITHIN THE REACH OF THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE IN THE



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1 LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT ACCORDINGLY. AND THE  
2 C.E.O. HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO THAT IN PART. SO THAT'S THE FIRST  
3 ONE. WHAT DOES ZERO TOLERANCE REALLY LOOK LIKE AND WHAT DOES  
4 IT MEAN? THE SECOND POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS, THE OFFICE OF THE  
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WAS A  
6 DISCUSSION ITEM THAT WE HAD A FEW WEEKS BACK. IT SEEMS TO ME  
7 THAT THIS IS A CASE STUDY OF CONSEQUENCE FOR SUCH AN OFFICE.  
8 THERE'S BEEN LONG-STANDING CONCERNS ABOUT SUCH A ROLE, AND  
9 THIS WOULD THEN BE CLASSIC FOR WHAT I WOULD THINK SUCH AN  
10 OFFICE COULD LOOK INTO AND HELP CORRECT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT  
11 THAT THERE SEEMS NOT TO BE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF  
12 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD ANTICIPATE AND DEAL WITH THIS  
13 PROBLEM OR THESE SORTS OF PROBLEMS OTHERWISE. IT MAKES A  
14 COMPELLING CASE FOR THE NEED FOR SUCH AN OFFICE. A THIRD POINT  
15 I WANT TO MAKE IS WITH RESPECT TO THE MOTION, THE ANTONOVICH-  
16 MOLINA MOTION ON THE LEGISLATIVE REMEDIES. MAY I CALL TO THE  
17 ATTENTION OF THE C.E.O. S.B.-868, WHERE IN FACT THE LAW HAS  
18 ALREADY BEEN CREATED TO DEAL WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS. AND A LOT  
19 OF DEBATE, A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF IT,  
20 FINGERPRINTING AND THE LIKE, ALREADY THERE. AND I THINK IT  
21 PROVIDES A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF WHAT  
22 MIGHT BE REPLICATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR TIGHTENING THE  
23 NET. IN THE INSTANCES OF THOSE WHO ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS AND  
24 THOSE WHO SEEM TO HAVE A CONGENITAL PREDILECTION TOWARDS THESE  
25 SORTS OF PROBLEMS. THOSE ARE THE THREE POINTS I WISH TO MAKE,





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1 MR. CHAIR. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE SYSTEMIC  
2 IN NATURE, AND THEY OUGHT TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I THINK, TOO, THE FACT  
5 THAT WE HAVE THAT INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE, THIS WOULD BE  
6 A PERFECT EXAMPLE TO MONITOR AND FOLLOW UP, AND TO LOOK AT  
7 THIS WHOLE SITUATION AS IT RELATES NOT ONLY TO THE MOTION, BUT  
8 AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID, TO LOOK WAY BEYOND THE ONE, TWO,  
9 THREE AND FOUR

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A PACKAGE  
14 AVAILABLE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS. IF YOU ALL CAN MOVE UP  
15 THERE. A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. WE'RE GOING TO  
16 GIVE YOU A COUPLE MINUTES EACH. JOSHUA KIM. HILLARIE LEVY. DR.  
17 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND STEPHANIE SAUTER. THE FOUR OF YOU CAN  
18 COME UP FIRST. AND THEN AS ONE SPEAKER IS FINISHED, I'LL CALL  
19 UP THE OTHERS. FOUR CHAIRS. JUST TAKE A CHAIR. WHOEVER WOULD  
20 LIKE TO GO FIRST, JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND  
21 PROCEED. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES EACH. OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD  
22 LIKE TO GO FIRST?

23

24 **JOSHUA KIM:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA KIM. I AM AN ATTORNEY AT A NEW  
25 WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I SEE MANY PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL



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1 RECORDS TRYING TO COME BACK INTO SOCIETY DAY IN AND DAY OUT.  
2 AND THOSE ARE MY CLIENTS. THE PROBLEM THAT I SEE IS THEY COME  
3 BACK TO TRY TO MAKE THEIR LIVES AGAIN. AND THEY'RE CALLED BY  
4 THE NAMES, THEIR WORST ACTIONS, BASICALLY, FOR THE REST OF  
5 THEIR LIVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA KEPT CALLING MR. BEESLEY A  
6 RAPIST AND RAPIST, AND I THINK WE FAIL TO SEE THAT HE'S BEEN  
7 RAPE-FREE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S WHAT?

10

11 **JOSHUA KIM:** HE'S BEEN RAPE FREE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, AND I  
12 THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO LABEL HIM A RAPIST FOR THE REST OF  
13 HIS LIFE, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT BE A REHABILITATED PERSON AND A  
14 PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE KNOW THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE A LIAR. WOULD  
17 THAT HAVE BEEN BETTER?

18

19 **JOSHUA KIM:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WOULD HAVE MORE EVIDENCE  
20 FOR SAYING THAT. AND I THINK IT'S OKAY TO FIRE HIM OR NOT HIRE  
21 HIM FOR THAT PURPOSE, FOR THAT REASON. BUT TO FIRE HIM OR NOT  
22 HIRE HIM WHEN HE'S BEEN, AGAIN, RAPE-FREE, NOT A RAPIST FOR  
23 THE PAST 10 YEARS I THINK REACHES TOO FAR AND GOES AGAINST THE  
24 IDEA OF REHABILITATION. AND WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE  
25 FACT THAT IF WE RESPOND TO THIS PROBLEM OF OVERSIGHT, OF AS



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1 YOU CALL IT A FAILURE IN THE SYSTEM BY TIGHTENING THE NET, BY  
2 MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO OUR  
3 SOCIETY AS PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS AFTER THEY SERVED THEIR SENTENCE  
4 AND BECOME REHABILITATED, AND I THINK WE DO A DISSERVICE TO  
5 THEM. SO WHAT I'D RECOMMEND THAT WE DO IS WE MAKE THESE  
6 POLICIES TRANSPARENT. SO THAT WE KNOW AND THE PEOPLE COMING  
7 BACK FROM PRISONS AND JAILS KNOW WHAT JOB NEXUS MEANS, SO THEY  
8 DON'T HAVE TO WASTE THEIR RESOURCES TRYING TO FIND JOBS AND  
9 GETTING DENIED OVER AND OVER AGAIN AS THEY ARE TODAY. AND  
10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HILLARIE LEVY.

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16 **HILLARIE LEVY:** MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY, ACCORDING TO A RECENT  
17 L.A. TIMES ARTICLE, THE BOARD DOWNPLAYED THE CRIME OF A PAST  
18 RAPE CONVICTION OF A LONG-TIME COUNTY HEALTH EMPLOYEE IN  
19 DEFENSE OF THEIR HIRING AND PROMOTION PRACTICES. OTHER AREAS  
20 OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT ALSO REQUIRE REVIEW. EACH SUPERVISOR HAS  
21 BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE DECEMBER 11TH, 2008 FAIR POLITICAL  
22 PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN SACRAMENTO. AGENDA NUMBER  
23 9 CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 AND  
24 \$200 FINE BY A DESIGNEE WITH THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION  
25 COMMISSION, AN EMPLOYEE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. DESPITE



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1 RECEIVING THREE WARNINGS FOR ONE YEAR BY THE F.P.P.C., FAILED  
2 TO REPORT THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST WHICH PREVENTS  
3 EMPLOYEES FROM MAKING GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR  
4 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS. THIS 15-YEAR EMPLOYEE ALSO HAD  
5 PRESENTED A DISTURBING PATTERN REGARDING HER ACTIONS DURING  
6 WORK HOURS. IN 2005 VIOLATED H.I.P.A.A. BY IDENTIFYING HERSELF  
7 AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SUPERVISOR WHILE PRESENTING A NON-  
8 LEGITIMATE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE OF THE DYING SUBORDINATE TO A  
9 HOSPITAL OMBUDSMAN. IN 2002, ALONG WITH HER THERAPIST FRIEND,  
10 MANIPULATED THE SUBORDINATE INTO PLACING THEM IN CONTROL OF  
11 HER \$928,000 ESTATE AS WELL AS POSSESSING HER MORPHINE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS REALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

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15 **HILLARIE LEVY:** THIS DOES. VIOLATING HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 10-  
16 - AND THIS IS ALL WHILE BEING ON THE PAYROLL. THE EXCUSE FOR  
17 HER ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL, HUMAN RESOURCES AND  
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. THIS DOESN'T FALL UNDER THE SCOPE  
19 OF HER EMPLOYMENT. WHICH ACCORDING TO THE L.A. TIMES IS USED  
20 65 PERCENT OF THE TIME. L.A. CONSTITUENTS DESERVE BETTER THAN  
21 A BOARD--

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP. STEPHANIE SAUTER.  
24 FOLLOWED BY DR. CLAVREUL. I INVITE DAVID BROWN AND DEBRA  
25 TYLER.



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2   **STEPHANIE SAUTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M STEPHANIE SAUTER AND I

3   TOO AM AN ATTORNEY. I WORK WITH COMMUNITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT

4   IN ONE OF THE WORK SOURCE CENTERS. I DO A LAW PROGRAM FOR

5   PEOPLE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE DEALING WITH THEIR LEGAL BARRIERS

6   TO EMPLOYMENT. SO FAR IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS, I'VE SEEN ABOUT

7   640 CLIENTS. I'M KIND OF HERE ON THEIR BEHALF. I REALIZE THIS

8   ISSUE IS THAT THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN THIS PARTICULAR

9   INDIVIDUAL AND HOW DID HE GET IN THE POSITION THAT HE WAS? I'M

10   AFRAID THAT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I READ THE TIMES AND PUBLIC

11   ATTENTION IS VEERED OFF TO ONE INDIVIDUAL AND PERHAPS AN

12   INAPPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE POSITION HE WAS HIRED FOR.

13   AND MY CONCERN IS THIS: WHEN WE START THINKING "RAPIST" AND

14   L.A. TIMES HEADLINES SCREAM " RAPIST AND EMPLOYMENT," WE

15   FORGET THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL

16   RECORDS THAT ARE DENIED EMPLOYMENT AND DENIED AN OPPORTUNITY

17   TO REGAIN REALLY THEIR LIVES, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILY AND

18   THEIR CHILDREN. AND I'M KIND OF HERE ON THEIR BEHALF. BECAUSE

19   WHEN THIS BOARD IS GOING TO MEET AGAIN AND AGAIN-- AND I

20   BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE LAST

21   TIME YOU DEAL WITH AN ISSUE OF THIS SORT. BUT I DON'T ALWAYS

22   BELIEVE IT WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I

23   HAVE HAD CLIENTS COME TO ME BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN DENIED

24   EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TWO OF WHOM AS A

25   RESULT OF JUVENILE ADJUDICATIONS, WHICH AS WE KNOW ARE NOT



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1 CONVICTIONS. THEY LOST THEIR JOBS. ONE OF THEM WAS ACTUALLY AN  
2 L.V.N. C.N.A. AND MISTAKES ARE MADE REGULARLY. AND SO IF WE  
3 ONLY THINK ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE, WHAT'S THE WORST POSSIBLE--  
4 WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR-- SCENARIO WE CAN COME UP  
5 WITH, WE WOULD THINK ABOUT SOMEBODY WHO IN THE PAST COMMITTED  
6 A RAPE AGAINST A WOMAN AND IS NOW IN A DARK ROOM WITH  
7 SOMEBODY WEARING A HOSPITAL GOWN. BUT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT  
8 ARE THE THOUSANDS WITH OLD RECORDS, WITH MINOR RECORDS, WHO  
9 ARE DENIED EMPLOYMENT. AND WE CANNOT FORGET THEM. AND I ASK  
10 THE BOARD WHEN THIS ISSUE COMES BACK BEFORE THEM TO REMEMBER  
11 NOT THE MOST EGREGIOUS CASE, BUT THE CASE OF THE MAJORITY OF  
12 PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL AND YOU ARE?

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16 **DEBRA TYLER:** DEBRA TYLER.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DEBRA TYLER. DID ARVETTE BROWN LEAVE?  
19 SUSAN BURTON AND ARNOLD SACHS IF YOU WOULD JOIN US? DR.  
20 CLAVREUL?

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22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A  
24 CONCERN ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIME AND WANT TO BE  
25 RE-ESTABLISHED IN SOCIETY. BUT I THINK THAT MAN, MR. BEESLEY,



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1 SHOULD HAVE SELECTED A JOB WHERE HE WAS NOT PLACED IN A  
2 POSITION WHERE ON A REGULAR BASIS HE WAS FONDLING WOMAN IN  
3 NIGHTGOWNS AND SO ON. HE COULD HAVE TAKEN A JOB IN  
4 CONSTRUCTION BUILDING OR WHATEVER TO REHABILITATE HIMSELF.  
5 PERSONALLY I THINK IT IS A VERY SICK SITUATION. I MEAN HE KNEW  
6 WHAT HE WAS DOING. HE PUT HIMSELF IN A DIFFERENT WAY AND  
7 PSYCHOLOGICALLY RAPED THOSE WOMEN, THAT'S MY POSITION. MANY OF  
8 YOU TODAY MENTIONED THE SITUATION OF "DO NOT SEND." THAT'S AN  
9 ISSUE I'VE DONE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS BECAUSE EVERY TIMES I  
10 TALKED ABOUT D.H.S. WITH DO NOT SEND, ABOUT R.N.S, THEY SAID  
11 THEY DID HAVE NOT SUCH A LIST, WHICH I KNOW THEY DID, BECAUSE  
12 NURSES CONTACTED ME. AND MY CONCERN IS THE "DO NOT SEND" LIST,  
13 THE WAY IT IS USED BY THE COUNTY, IT DOES NOT DEAL WITH REAL  
14 ISSUE WHERE NURSES ARE NOT SENT. MANY TIMES THE NURSES WHO ARE  
15 ON THE "DO NOT SEND" IN THE COUNTY ARE NURSES WHO OBSERVE  
16 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND REFUSE TO DO  
17 IT. AND THOSE ARE PLACED ON "DO NOT SEND," AND I THINK YOU ARE  
18 PUTTING YOURSELF AT TREMENDOUS JEOPARDY IN LEGAL ISSUES BY  
19 DOING THAT. I ALSO THINK THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES  
20 WHICH THE COUNTY PAY WHO ARE S.E.I.U. EMPLOYEES AND ARE  
21 PROBABLY NOT VETTED LIKE THEY SHOULD BE AND NOT ARE PAID LIKE  
22 MR. ALEJANDRO STEVENS AND MANY OTHERS WHO I KNOW ARE NOT THE  
23 ONLY ONES. SO I APPRECIATE THE VIGILANCE YOU'RE PLACING. AND I  
24 THINK YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO THAT BECAUSE NOBODY IS  
25 FOLLOWING THE RULES IN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK IT IS WHY WE





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1 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE NOT OBEYING THE RULES, BECAUSE THEY SEE IT  
2 FROM HERE ON DOWN. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DEBRA?

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6 **DEBRA TYLER:** YES. I'M DEBRA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M A  
7 MEMBER OF, ALL OF US OR NONE. AND BANNING THE BOX IS ONE OF  
8 OUR MAIN GOALS BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF SKILLED PEOPLE, SUCH  
9 AS MYSELF, THAT CANNOT GET COUNTY JOBS OR ANY KIND OF JOBS.  
10 YOU HAVE TO WORK THROUGH A REGISTRY OR WORK THROUGH A  
11 TEMPORARY AGENCY IN ORDER TO GET JOBS. IT'S JUST ABSURD THAT  
12 IF YOU'RE SKILLED, WHY CAN'T YOU WORK? I NEED A JOB. AND  
13 BECAUSE OF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND, SOME 44 YEARS AGO, YOU CAN'T  
14 GET WITH THE COUNTY, WITH THE STATE OR ANYBODY ELSE. I JUST  
15 WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUSAN?

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19 **SUSAN BURTON:** YEAH, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I'M DIRECTOR OF A  
20 NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ALL  
21 OF US OR NONE. IN 1988, I FOUNDED THE A NEW WAY OF LIFE  
22 REENTRY PROJECT TO HELP WOMEN COME HOME FROM PRISONS AND  
23 JAILS. IT WAS JUST THIS BIG SERVICE GAP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 THAT DIDN'T SUPPORT THEIR REENTRY. AND STILL THERE'S THIS BIG  
25 SERVICE GAP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT DOES NOT SUPPORT



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1 REENTRY. WE HAVE 500,000 PEOPLE A YEAR COMING BACK INTO THIS  
2 COUNTY. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR DISTRICT, MORE PEOPLE COME  
3 BACK INTO JUST SECOND TO SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
4 DISTRICT. AND THERE'S NO INFRASTRUCTURE, NOTHING TO SAY THAT  
5 PEOPLE, NOTHING TO ASSIST PEOPLE ON GETTING BACK UP ON THEIR  
6 FEET AND THEIR LIVES RUNNING. THIS INCIDENT WITH THIS GUY  
7 BEING THE RADIOLOGY, BEING IN RADIOLOGY AND HAVING A CRIMINAL  
8 HISTORY OF RAPE, SENDS OUT A MESSAGE EVERYWHERE THAT SAYS  
9 "DON'T TOUCH PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS." THAT'S WHAT I  
10 HEAR. THAT'S HOW I SEE IT PLAYING OUT. AND IT'S ALREADY A  
11 REALLY, REALLY ROUGH TIME GETTING BACK IN. I WANT TO ASK THE  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: WHAT DO WE DO TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY  
13 IN THE WAY OF PEOPLE COMING BACK INTO THIS COMMUNITY, COMING  
14 BACK INTO L.A. COUNTY WITH PROVIDING SERVICES, PROVIDING  
15 OPPORTUNITIES, PROVIDING JOBS, PROVIDING TRAINING PROGRAMS  
16 THAT THEY AREN'T PUSHED BACK UP AGAINST THE WALL? I'M READING  
17 THIS MORNING IN L.A. TIMES WHERE THE JUDGE DELTON HAS PASSED  
18 THIS ORDER TO RELEASE A WHOLE BUNCH MORE PEOPLE. AND THE  
19 MAJORITY ARE COMING BACK INTO L.A. COUNTY. PEOPLE MAKE  
20 MISTAKES. WE ALL DO. WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. AT SOME POINT WE  
21 MUST GET BACK PAST THOSE MISTAKES.

22  
23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS IS NOT YOUR POSTER CHILD FOR YOUR  
24 CAUSE.



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1     **SUSAN BURTON:** NO.

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3     **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHILE THERE ARE MANY  
4     PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES, AND THERE IS A PROCESS THAT  
5     WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT IS HONORED HERE. IF YOU TELL US  
6     THAT YOU COMMITTED A CRIME, WE CHECK. AND WE SEE WHETHER IN  
7     FACT THAT IF YOU ARE SUITED FOR THE JOB, THAT YOU COULD GET  
8     BEYOND THAT. BUT WE DO LOOK AT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY. THAT'S  
9     THE RESPONSIBILITY. SO I WOULD NOT UTILIZE THIS GENTLEMAN WHO  
10    COMMITTED A CRIME WORST OF ALL, WHILE HE WAS A POLICE OFFICER,  
11    WHICH IS ANOTHER RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOVERNMENT EMPOWERS THIS  
12    INDIVIDUAL, BY GIVING HIM A BADGE AND A GUN AND HE WAS OUT  
13    RAPING INDIVIDUALS WHILE HE WAS AN ENTRUSTED SAFETY OFFICER.  
14    THAT IS A VIOLATION FOR ALL OF US BEYOND THE PERSONAL RAPE  
15    THAT HE CREATED. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ONE ISSUE. THEN HE COMES  
16    BACK INTO OUR SYSTEM AND WHEN IN FACT THERE WAS A PROCESS AND  
17    THERE IS A VIOLATION, BECAUSE HE PERSONALLY IS LYING ABOUT HIS  
18    APPLICATION. DO NOT USE THIS GENTLEMAN. I USE THE WORD  
19    LOOSELY. BUT YOU WERE USING IT AS A POSTER CHILD.

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21    **SUSAN BURTON:** NO, I'M NOT TRYING.

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA:** THE COUNTY --

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1   **SUSAN BURTON:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, NO DISRESPECT TO YOU. I KNOW  
2   THE COUNTY'S PROCESSES. WE WERE HERE TWO YEARS AGO WITH A  
3   CAMPAIGN TO BAN THE BOX. AND JUST AS WE SAW THIS MORNING, THE  
4   PROCESSES ARE FLAWED. AND WE ARE COMPILING DIFFERENT DATA AND  
5   EVIDENCE THAT CLEARLY SHOWS, AND CLEARLY THIS MORNING YOU SEE  
6   THIS PROCESS IS FLAWED.

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8   **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS PROCESS IS FLAWED BECAUSE WE HAVE PEOPLE  
9   WHO--

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11   **SUSAN BURTON:** REGARDLESS TO WHY IT IS.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL EXCUSE ME. I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO A  
14   PUBLIC. AND THIS MAN SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD THIS JOB.

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16   **SUSAN BURTON:** NEITHER HERE NOR THERE. HE DID GET THE JOB. HE  
17   DID PERFORM IN THE JOB. NO ONE WAS HURT WHILE HE WAS ON THE  
18   JOB.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** LUCKY FOR US.

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22   **SUSAN BURTON:** BUT THE THING IS THAT THE PROCESS IS FLAWED.

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24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, OKAY. I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH  
25   DEBATE. MR. SACHS?



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**ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. VERY IMPRESSIVE DISCUSSION. BUT MY QUESTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL IF YOU COULD REQUIRE AN ACTION TO IMPLEMENT A CONTRACT REQUIREMENT THAT EMPLOYEES WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT STATING THAT IF THEY VIOLATED THE OUTLINE OF THIS CONTRACT OR THE RULES OF THIS CONTRACT, IT COULD LEAD TO THEIR TERMINATION. BUT I DIDN'T HEAR THAT AS AN AMENDMENT. I DIDN'T HEAR IT AS A MOTION. AND SO YOU COULD ASK THE QUESTION-- AND I BELIEVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL SAID YOU COULD.

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**SUP. KNABE:** MR. SACHS, WE'RE NOT FINISHED WITH IT YET. WE'RE TAKING PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WE'RE NOT FINISHED WITH THE MOTION.

14

**ARNOLD SACHS:** I HEARD A MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A REPORT COMING BACK. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THAT DETAIL IN THERE. SO, PLEASE, WHEN IT'S FINISHED, THEN MAKE THOSE STATEMENTS. UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THE BREAKDOWN WAS, WE CAN'T TAKE ACTION, RIGHT? WE CAN'T CONVICT UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THE BREAKDOWN WAS. WHERE WAS THE BREAKDOWN, WHERE THE PERSON LIED ON HIS APPLICATION WITH REGISTRY, DID THE REGISTRY FAIL TO CHECK? WE DON'T KNOW. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT OUT.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU  
2   MADE A MOTION TODAY, RIGHT? DID YOU NOT MAKE FOR REQUESTING  
3   CERTAIN INFORMATION? SO SAME DIFFERENCE.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S HOLDING PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE. RESPONSIBLE  
6   MEANS THEIR JOBS.

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8   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU TO GET FINISHED, SO WE CAN  
9   GET ON WITH OUR WORK.

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11   **ARNOLD SACHS:** CERTAINLY, YES. ABSOLUTELY. THE ONLY OTHER THING  
12   I WOULD HAVE SAID DURING THIS ARGUMENT REGARDING INEPTNESS AND  
13   OTHER THINGS THAT YOU BROUGHT UP. YOU COULD SUBSTITUTE THE  
14   HELICOPTER PAD AT COUNTY U.S.C. FOR THIS TOPIC AND YOU COULD  
15   GET THE SAME RESULTS. BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTED, JUST LIKE I  
16   SPOKE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT IT'S A BAD IDEA TO DO. AND FULL  
17   SPEED AHEAD YOU WENT, IT WAS DONE. SO TELL ME ABOUT THE WORK  
18   YOU GET DONE.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE BAD IDEA?

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22   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE BAD IDEA WAS TO PUT THE AIR INTAKE UP BY THE  
23   HELICOPTER PADS THAT THE F.A.A. REPORTED THAT IT WOULD NOT--  
24   IT WOULD LEAD-- IT WAS A FAULTY DESIGN.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS NOT THE ISSUE BEFORE US.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T KNOW ARNOLD SACHS WAS AN ENGINEER.

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5    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT, BUT THE F.A.A. SAID IT WAS, MA'AM.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO KIDDING!

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BRING IT ALL BACK. WE HAVE  
10 THE ITEM BEFORE US. WE HAVE, UNLESS THERE'S FURTHER  
11 DISCUSSION, WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. I THINK THAT WE WANT  
12 TO ADD THE COMMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MYSELF AND  
13 OTHERS HAVE MADE AS IT RELATES TO A CONTRACT CERTIFICATION IN  
14 THIS PROCESS AS PART OF THAT MOTION AND THE LEGAL RESPONSE  
15 BACK.

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I'M ASKING FOR THE THREE THINGS. I'M NOT  
18 ONLY ASKING WHAT THIS INDIVIDUAL, BUT ALSO THE REVIEW OF OUR  
19 REGISTRIES AND WHAT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AND  
20 FINALLY THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY.

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22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATION AND  
23 SIGNED SIGNATURE. I THINK THAT'S CLEAR. DOES THE EXECUTIVE  
24 OFFICER HAVE ALL THAT? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
25 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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1   THANK YOU. NOW THE ONLY REMAINING ITEM BESIDES PUBLIC COMMENT  
2   IS ITEM S-2. YEAH, BUT WE STILL HAVE ITEM S-2.

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4   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** S-2 IS A REPORT BY OUR OFFICE AT THE REQUEST  
5   OF THE BOARD THAT SPEAKS TO THE IMPACT OF ACTIONS BEING TAKEN  
6   BY THE STATE WITH RESPECT TO THE BUDGET BUT ALSO THE DEFERRAL  
7   OF ANY PAYMENTS OWED TO THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT OUR MANY HEALTH  
8   AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT WE ISSUED TO YOU  
9   THAT SPEAKS TO THIS ONGOING PROBLEM. BUT THE GREATEST  
10   CONSEQUENCE IS THE UNCERTAINTY AND THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THE  
11   STATE CONTROLLER HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE DEFERRING  
12   PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND POTENTIALLY INTO THE  
13   MONTH OF MARCH. WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO EXTEND TO  
14   FUTURE MONTHS. THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT IS \$105 MILLION IN TERMS  
15   OF CASH, IN TERMS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, YOU KNOW THAT IT  
16   WILL HIT VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR PUBLIC, OUR SOCIAL AND OUR  
17   HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT WE ADMINISTER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE  
18   GAVE YOU A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE PROGRAMS IN OUR JANUARY 26TH  
19   MEMO. BUT IT SPEAKS TO VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING FROM SUBSTANCE  
20   ABUSE PROGRAMS OR H.I.V. PREVENTION PROGRAMS, EVEN T.B., EVERY  
21   SINGLE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. WE ALSO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC  
22   SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS, LIKE CALWORKS AND CHILDCARE AND FOOD  
23   STAMPS. WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH  
24   OUTPATIENT SERVICES, ASSESSMENTS, CASE PLANNING, THE IMPACT TO  
25   THE CONTRACTORS WHO PROVIDE MENTAL SERVICES ARE EXTREMELY



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1 SIGNIFICANT. WE GO ON TO SPEAK TO OUR PROGRAMS THAT I  
2 MENTIONED D.P.S.S. PROGRAMS SUCH AS CALWORKS AND PROGRAMS THAT  
3 WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OF THAT PROGRAM TO  
4 PROVIDE OR PAY FOR THEIR RENT. AND YET WITHOUT THOSE PROGRAMS,  
5 WE KNOW THAT WE WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN  
6 HOMELESSNESS. WE KNOW RIGHT NOW WHAT WILL BE DELAYED FROM THE  
7 STATE CONTROLLER FOR FEBRUARY PAYMENTS. FOR SOCIAL SERVICES  
8 PROGRAMS ALONE, WE HAVE A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT'S PART OF THAT  
9 \$105 MILLION, BUT IT COULD EASILY CONTINUE. WHAT WE'RE ASKING  
10 FOR RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THIS IS A CONFLUENCE OF PROBLEMS THAT I  
11 THINK IS UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE NOT ONLY ISSUES AT THE FEDERAL  
12 LEVEL, WE HAVE ISSUES AT THE STATE LEVEL WE TALKED TO AT  
13 LENGTH, WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, BUT WE ALSO HAVE DECLINING  
14 LOCAL REVENUES, SUCH AS SALES TAX AND PROPERTY TAX. WHAT WE'RE  
15 ASKING RIGHT NOW IS THAT YOU APPLY AN IMMEDIATE HARD HIRING  
16 FREEZE THAT EXCLUDES CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POSITIONS. YOU  
17 GIVE US THE AUTHORITY TO WORK WITH THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO  
18 FREEZE NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES AND OTHER FIXED  
19 ASSETS. WHAT'S NOT ON THE MEMO TO YOU BUT I'D LIKE TO ADD IT  
20 TODAY IS TO CANCEL, OR IF NOT CANCEL, FREEZE NON-ESSENTIAL  
21 TRAVEL AND TRAINING. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO HAVE  
22 SCHEDULED OUT OF STATE OR OUT OF COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT  
23 WE WOULD CONSIDER NON-ESSENTIAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME GIVEN  
24 THE GRAVITY OF OUR BUDGETARY SITUATION. WE ALSO NEED TO SHUT  
25 THOSE DOWN. AND I ALSO ASK THAT ANY NEW PROGRAMS THAT ARE



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1 BEING PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD BE DELAYED UNTIL WE CAN DISCUSS  
2 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL BUDGET. AS WE MOVE FORWARD,  
3 WE'RE PREPARING YOUR BUDGET RIGHT NOW. AND AT MINIMUM, WE'RE  
4 ASKING EVERY DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A 5 PERCENT CURTAILMENT. THAT  
5 ALONE WILL FALL SHORT OF THE DEFICIT THAT WE'RE PROJECTING AT  
6 THIS POINT IN TIME. IN AN EARLIER REPORT, WE MENTION THAT HAD  
7 THE DEFICIT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$173 MILLION. SINCE THAT  
8 REPORT, WE'VE SEEN PROPERTY TAX DECLINES-- I'M SORRY, SALES  
9 TAX DECLINE SUBSTANTIALLY WHERE WE THINK AS A CONSEQUENCE OF  
10 THAT, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ASSOCIATED WITH SALES TAX REVENUE WILL  
11 GO DOWN AND WILL NOT HIT OUR REVENUE TARGET FOR THIS YEAR.  
12 THAT'S WHY WE'RE STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT YOU APPROVE THE  
13 HIRING FREEZE. THE FREEZE OF S&S PURCHASES ESSENTIALLY AND  
14 ALSO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL. THAT WILL NOT RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS  
15 BUT WILL HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE RIGHT  
16 NOW. THE 173 MILLION AND GROWING FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
17 IMPACT THE STATE BUDGET WILL HAVE ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMS AND  
18 SERVICES. THAT IS SEPARATE. AND WE KNOW WE HEARD ON SATURDAY  
19 THAT JONATHAN CHANG, THE STATE CONTROLLER, HAS SAID BECAUSE OF  
20 THEIR DECLINING REVENUE, PARTICULARLY IN SALES TAX AND INCOME  
21 TAX, THAT THE STATE BUDGET AND THE LOW \$40 BILLION WILL GROW.  
22 SO WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE PROBLEMS OCCURRING  
23 FROM THE STATE ONCE THEY DO GO AROUND TO SETTling THEIR BUDGET  
24 AND THE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WILL BE EVEN  
25 MORE SIGNIFICANT. AND WITH THAT, IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS.



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2   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE FRUSTRATING THING HERE IS

3   OBVIOUSLY OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS TRYING TO PUT MONEY

4   ASIDE FOR A RAINY DAY LIKE WE HAVE, TO ACTUALLY DEAL WITH

5   SITUATIONS LIKE WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH, WITH DECLINING PROPERTY

6   TAXES, SALES TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES, WHAT'S SO FRUSTRATING

7   IS OBVIOUSLY NOW WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET, HERE WE ARE IN

8   FEBRUARY, 96 DAYS INTO A SPECIAL SESSION AND STILL NO BUDGET,

9   THE OUTSIDE IMPACT TO WHAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT

10   THING IS ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS. BECAUSE HERE WE SIT TRYING TO

11   MANAGE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH REVENUES AND EVERYTHING

12   ELSE, AND THEN WE STILL HAVE THIS PIECE OUT HERE THAT SAYS

13   THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME OTHER DRACONIAN POSSIBLE CUTS,

14   DEFERRALS, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. AND OH, BY THE WAY, YOU'RE

15   MANDATED BY LAW. YOU STILL HAVE TO DO THE JOB. YOU STILL HAVE

16   TO PROVIDE THE SOCIAL SERVICES NECESSARY. WE ARE THE ULTIMATE

17   SAFETY NET BY LAW. SO IT PUTS US IN A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AND

18   ALMOST AN UNTENABLE POSITION. AND IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT, AND

19   IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. AND WE REPRESENT THE SAME PEOPLE THEY

20   REPRESENT. AND HOPEFULLY SOON THEY WILL GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER

21   SO WE KNOW WHAT WE-- I MEAN YOU SAID IT BEST. THE MOST

22   DIFFICULT PART OF THIS IS THE UNKNOWN, IS THE UNKNOWN, BECAUSE

23   WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT OTHER PIECE MAY BE. WE KNOW

24   APPROXIMATELY-- WE KEEP UPDATING WHAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE GOING



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1 TO BE. BUT THIS OTHER OUTSIDE PIECE THAT COULD BE SO DRAMATIC,  
2 WE DON'T KNOW AND IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. ZEV?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. IT'S ONE THING TO  
5 HAVE A RAINY DAY FUND. IT'S ANOTHER THING TO HAVE A FUND FOR  
6 NOAH'S FLOOD. YOUR MOTION AND MY MOTION DO NOT CONTEMPLATE  
7 NOAH'S FLOOD WHEN WE SET UP THE RAINY DAY FUND. BUT LEAVING  
8 THAT ASIDE, I JUST WANT TO GET CLEAR FOR THE RECORD WHAT THIS  
9 HIRING FREEZE IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T. EXEMPT FROM IT WILL BE LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT, CORRECT?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS SUCH AS  
13 OUR DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS, OUR FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT CIVILIAN POSITIONS IN THE  
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE HANDLED ON A SELECT BASIS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE SUBJECTED TO THE HARD HIRING FREEZE.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CRIMINALIST  
23 POSITIONS, THAT ARE CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE D.N.A.  
24 BACKGROUND, THOSE WILL BE EXEMPT. CRITICAL POSITIONS THAT  
25 SUPPORT A PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION WILL BE-- WE'LL LOOK AT VERY



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1 QUICKLY AND MOVE THOSE FORWARD WHERE APPROPRIATE. BUT WHAT WE  
2 CAN'T UNDERSTATE IS WHAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR  
3 DECLINING REVENUES IN THE STATE ISSUE, WE ARE LOOKING AT AN  
4 UNPRECEDENTED BUDGETARY SITUATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. I KNOW. YOU MADE THAT CASE VERY  
7 COMPELLING BOTH VERBALLY AND IN YOUR MEMO. WE HAVE THE RIGHT  
8 TO HAVE A HARD HIRING FREEZE ON, I'M ASKING THIS OF COUNTY  
9 COUNSEL, OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

10

11 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR SWORN FOR THAT MATTER, NOT THAT WE'RE  
14 GOING TO DO IT. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR SPEECH IS.

15

16 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, I WOULD THINK SO. THERE IS THAT. I THINK  
17 WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS THE SHERIFF'S ABILITY ESSENTIALLY  
18 TO MANAGE HIS BUDGET. AND THE BOARD SETS THE BUDGET.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

21

22 **RAY FORTNER:** BUT THE HIRING OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES I WOULD  
23 THINK WOULD BE OUTSIDE OF THAT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THE HIRING OF SWORN EMPLOYEES?



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1

2 **RAY FORTNER:** THE HIRING OF SWORN EMPLOYEES, MY RECOLLECTION  
3 AND UNDERSTANDING IS, THAT WOULD BE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S  
4 PURVIEW.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AGAIN, NOT THAT ANYBODY IS SUGGESTING IT. I  
7 WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE DOWN THE LINE. PERHAPS YOU  
8 CAN DO A-- HAVE YOUR FOLKS DO A LEGAL MEMORANDUM ON THAT.

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** SOME OF THOSE, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A PRACTICAL  
11 MATTER, FURTHER HIRING COULD BE TAKEN IF THE BUDGET WERE  
12 REDUCED, WHICH IS WITHIN YOUR AUTHORITY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OBVIOUSLY. SECOND, BILL, ON THE K.D.A.  
15 SETTLEMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE IN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
16 AND FAMILY SERVICES AND WHATEVER OTHER ANCILLARY DEPARTMENTS  
17 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEY WILL BEING EXEMPT FROM THIS HIRING  
18 FREEZE?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROBATION DEPARTMENT, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
23 AGREEMENTS WILL BE EXEMPT?

24





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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. AS PART OF OUR REVIEW, WE'LL FACTOR IN  
2   ALL THOSE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT PARTICULARLY OUR LEGAL  
3   SETTLEMENTS.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I DO THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO  
6   DO. IT'S THE LEAST THAT WE CAN DO AND IT'S REALLY THE FIRST OR  
7   SECOND STEP ALONG THE WAY TRYING TO MANAGE OURSELVES THROUGH  
8   THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AS YOU'VE ALLUDED TO IN THE PAST AND  
9   I JUST WANT TO REITERATE, THE REAL ISSUE IS GOING TO BE-- THE  
10  BIGGER ISSUE IS GOING TO BE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AND  
11  THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING ALL OF US A BIT NUTS, WATCHING THE  
12  PROCEEDINGS IN SACRAMENTO. THEY SEEM TO BE DETACHED FROM THE  
13  REALITY OF WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR INACTION ARE TO THE  
14  CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES OR ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE. IT'S  
15  FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO BE UP THERE AND THE REST OF  
16  US SEEM TO BE SCATTERED AROUND THE STATE AND THE TWAIN DON'T  
17  MEET. THEY DID MEET WHEN THE FURLOUGHS ISSUE AROSE. AND SOME  
18  OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES WERE EXEMPTED FROM THE FURLOUGHS  
19  AND OTHERS MADE SURE THEY WERE EXEMPT. BUT WHEN IT HIT THEM AT  
20  HOME IT'S ONE THING. THIS IS HITTING US AT HOME EVERY DAY. AND  
21  AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE END OF THE LINE IS HERE. IT'S WHERE  
22  WE DISBURSE THEIR MONEY TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.  
23  IT'S WHERE WE DISBURSE THEIR MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR ABUSED AND  
24  NEGLECTED CHILDREN. IT'S WHEN WE APPROPRIATE THEIR MONEY TO  
25  AGENCIES, OUR OWN AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, THAT DEAL WITH THE



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1 POOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEMSELVES FIND  
2 THEMSELVES ON THE MARGINS OF THE ECONOMY, NOW MORE THAN EVER,  
3 SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT IS SKYROCKETING IN THIS AND EVERY OTHER  
4 PART OF THE STATE AND COUNTRY. AND WHILE ALL OF THAT GOES ON,  
5 WE'RE NOW, AT THE TENTH OF FEBRUARY, IT'S ALMOST VALENTINE'S  
6 DAY, AND STILL NO SOAP, STILL NO RESULTS, STILL NO DECISION. I  
7 DON'T CONSIDER THE BUDGET THEY APPROVED LAST SUMMER A DECISION  
8 BECAUSE IT WASN'T A BUDGET, IT WAS PHONY. IT WAS A \$3 BILL AND  
9 EVERYBODY KNEW IT AT THE TIME AND WERE TOLD SO AT THE TIME AND  
10 NOW WE'RE PAYING THE PRICE FOR IT AND WE STILL CAN'T GET A  
11 DECISION. AND IT'S EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING. I DON'T  
12 BLAME ANY PARTICULAR BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY  
13 PARTICULAR PARTY. AND NEITHER DO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
14 CALIFORNIA LOOK TO BLAME ON THAT BASIS. I THINK THEY EXPECT US  
15 TO ACT LIKE PROFESSIONALS, LIKE GROWN UPS AND PUT THE PUBLIC  
16 FIRST. AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE. AND THAT'S THE  
17 FRUSTRATION THAT WE HAVE. SO THIS RECOMMENDATION YOU'VE MADE  
18 HERE IS ESSENTIAL BUT IT'S NOT THAT PAINFUL. THE PAIN IS GOING  
19 TO START IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD. AND I THINK WE NEED TO  
20 BEGIN, AS I'M TRYING TO DO, TO PREPARE PEOPLE FOR THAT  
21 EVENTUALITY. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BACKFILL  
22 THE LOSS THAT A SEVEN OR EIGHT-MONTH DEFERRAL CONSTITUTES, OR  
23 A WORSE ELEMENT WHICH IS JUST THE TOTAL EVISCERATION OF THE  
24 BUDGET. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE THINK THE DEFERRALS AND THE PROGRAMS OF THE  
2    MONEY IS BEING DEFERRED FROM PROVIDES A ROAD MAP FOR THE  
3    FUTURE STATE CUTS. AND SO THAT'S THE SCARY PART. CALWORKS  
4    ALONE IS 150,000 INDIVIDUALS WILL BE IMPACTED BY THAT. ALSO TO  
5    SPEAK TO THE GRAVITY, THEY SAID THERE ARE FOLKS UP NORTH AND  
6    MAYBE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCE. I CAN'T NAME THE  
7    CITY, BUT WE WERE RECENTLY CONTACTED BY ONE OF OUR CITIES WHO  
8    STATED AS A CONSEQUENCE, THEIR BUDGETARY PROBLEMS, THEY HAVE  
9    TO SHUT DOWN ONE OF THE FIRE STATIONS AND LAY OFF 18 POLICE  
10   OFFICERS. THIS HAPPENS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT CITY THAT RUNS ITS  
11   OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT CONTRACTS WITH US FOR FIRE SERVICES.  
12   THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THIS REGION. IT'S  
13   ABSOLUTELY REAL.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK SOME QUESTIONS. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND  
18   HOW THE STATE LEGISLATURE CAN CONTINUE TO BE THE LAUGHING  
19   STOCK OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN WE ARE THE ONLY STATE OUT OF  
20   THE 50 STATES AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BELL WEATHER OF ALL  
21   THE STATES, CAN'T PASS A BUDGET. AND YOU HAVE A BREAKDOWN ON  
22   THE SYSTEM. BUT MR. FUJIOKA, ARE THERE ANY PROVISIONS IN STATE  
23   LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DEFER FUNDING MANDATED  
24   BENEFITS UNTIL THE STATE PROVIDES THOSE RESOURCES?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TODAY IN CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL BE MEETING WITH  
2 COUNTY COUNSEL TO SPEAK TO THAT VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE. WE HAVE  
3 IDENTIFIED THE FUNDS THAT WE SEND TO THE STATE. NOW THE  
4 QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY. AND  
5 THEN PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR  
6 DELAYING ANY PAYMENTS TO THE STATE? SO THAT WILL BE HANDLED IN  
7 CLOSED SESSION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE STATE WOULD CONTINUE TO WITHHOLD FUNDS  
10 BUT PROVIDE NO RELIEF FROM THE MANDATES, WHERE WOULD YOU  
11 PROPOSE THE FUNDS COME FROM TO CONTINUE THOSE MANDATED  
12 PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE COULD DEAL WITH  
15 THIS FOR ONE MONTH. THE SECOND MONTH WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE THE  
16 POLICY DECISION REGARDING WHAT PROGRAMS-- WELL THE MANDATED  
17 PROGRAMS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS  
18 THAT ARE NOT MANDATED. AND WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE WITH  
19 THOSE, WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO THE MARKET AND BORROW  
20 THE MONEY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH IS REALLY SCARY.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT'S REAL SCARY IS, THE MARKET IS NOT  
25 LENDING MONEY RIGHT NOW.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE STATE THEN PAY FOR THAT INTEREST  
3 THAT WE HAVE TO PAY ON THOSE?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. I UNDERSTAND THE DEFERRAL COMES WITH NO  
6 INTEREST PAYMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE STATE DOESN'T REPAY THE FEBRUARY  
9 DEFERRALS, WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE ON THE CURRENT BUDGET?  
10 AND HOW WOULD THAT BE ADDRESSED?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE FIRST SET OF DEFERRALS EQUALS ABOUT \$105  
13 MILLION. WE WOULD HAVE TO DIP INTO OUR RESERVES TO THE POINT  
14 OF ALMOST DEPLETING OUR IMMEDIATE SET OF RESERVES FOR THIS  
15 ISSUE. AND THEN AFTER THAT WE'D HAVE TO GO TO THE MARKET. WE'D  
16 HAVE TO START BORROWING MONEY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT AT THE RATE OF \$105 MILLION A MONTH, AT  
19 WHAT POINT DOES THE COUNTY BECOME INSOLVENT IF NOT GIVEN  
20 RELIEF?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T WANT TO THROW A FIGURE OUT THERE RIGHT  
23 NOW, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE THE PERSON THAT CAUSES PANIC  
24 IN THE STREET. THERE ARE MANY, MANY ACTIONS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO  
25 TAKE AND CONSIDER BEFORE WE HIT THAT POINT. SOME ACTIONS ARE



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1 NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM. IF WE WERE TO MERELY  
2 CONTINUE WITH EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS, WE WOULD HAVE  
3 A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIME GETTING BEYOND THE MONTH OF MARCH.  
4 AT ONE POINT, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION ON WHETHER OR  
5 NOT WE CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAMS. AND THEN THE IMPACT ON THE  
6 PUBLIC IS CATASTROPHIC.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WOULD BE A ROAD MAP TO ANARCHY IF YOU HAD  
9 NO POLICE, NO FIRE, NO SOCIAL--

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN IT COMES TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS,  
12 THERE'S THE OLD ADAGE ABOUT THE LAST PERSON STANDING. OUR  
13 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS WOULD FALL WITHIN THAT DEFINITION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR MEMO STATES THAT THE STATE IS CONTINUING  
16 PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION. BESIDES SCHOOLS,  
17 WHAT ARE THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PAYMENTS? YOUR MEMO STATES  
18 TO THE BOARD THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS CONTINUING  
19 PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION. SO THE QUESTION  
20 IS: BESIDES SCHOOLS, WHAT ARE SOME OF THEIR OTHER  
21 CONSTITUTIONAL PAYMENTS BEING MADE?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE STILL RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOME  
24 OF OUR MEDI-CAL DOLLARS, OUR HEALTH PROGRAMS, SOME OF OUR IN  
25 HOME SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS I THINK THERE'S A VERY SMALL



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1 NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONTINUING. BUT  
2 PRINCIPALLY IN THE HEALTHCARE ARENA.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLORE  
5 SUSPENDING STATE MANDATES TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICES WHICH THEY  
6 MAY DEFER IF WE HAVE NO RESOURCES AND OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO GO  
7 TO THE MARKET. AND AGAIN GOING TO THE MARKET IS TO PAY A VERY  
8 HIGH INTEREST RATE WITH FUNDS WE DON'T HAVE.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S THE DISCUSSION WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN  
11 CLOSED SESSION TODAY. THERE WILL BE SOME VERY HARD DECISIONS.  
12 AND THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT PROVIDING THE PROGRAMS AND  
13 NOT MAKING THE PAYMENTS TO THE STATE. BUT WE HAVE TO WEIGH  
14 THOSE CONSEQUENCES WITH OUR OWN FINANCIAL ABILITY TO MEET  
15 THOSE PAYMENTS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, THE REALITY IS THAT ONE REACTION  
20 QUICKLY IS IF WE DROP THE SERVICES, WE'D BE IN COURT AND 20  
21 MINUTES LATER BE FORCED TO PROVIDE THEM, ANYWAY. THAT'S WHAT'S  
22 SO OUTRAGEOUS ABOUT THEM. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I WANT TO  
25 COMMEND YOU FOR ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH





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1 THE LEGISLATURE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO DO THE NECESSARY  
2 ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE RESOLUTION. I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO  
3 THINK THAT GETTING INTO A BOXING RING WITH A HEAVYWEIGHT WHEN  
4 YOU ARE A FLY WEIGHT BY COMPARISON IS ILL ADVISED. I THINK THE  
5 MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PATH IS TO DETERMINE WHAT OUR LEGISLATIVE  
6 ADVOCACY OUGHT TO BE AND TO LEVERAGE THAT AS EFFECTIVELY AS IS  
7 POSSIBLE. THE RECENT EXPERIENCES THAT I'VE HAD OVER THE PAST  
8 SIX YEARS ARE ETCHED IN MY MIND AS TO HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO  
9 RESOLVE BUDGET MATTERS IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND IT IS  
10 SIGNIFICANTLY, IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY, PARTISAN. THERE'S NO TWO  
11 WAYS ABOUT THAT. AND SO THE IDEOLOGICAL DIVIDE IS WHAT IS  
12 STRANGLING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS WE SPEAK.  
13 THERE ARE THREE VOTES THAT ARE NEEDED TO MOVE IT OUT OF THE  
14 SENATE MINIMALLY. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT CAN BE REACHED  
15 IS WHY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WE DON'T HAVE MOVEMENT.  
16 WE NEEDN'T MINCE WORDS. WE NEEDN'T NAME CALL. WE JUST NEED TO  
17 GET BUSY AND ASSESS OUR CAPACITY TO HELP THE LEGISLATURE COME  
18 TO CLOSURE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CONSTITUENCIES THAT WE  
19 MUTUALLY REPRESENT.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I JUST SEE BREAKING NEWS  
22 HERE. THE GOVERNOR HAS THREATENED TO SEND LAY OFF WARNINGS TO  
23 20,000 STATE WORKERS FRIDAY UNLESS THEY REACH A BUDGET  
24 AGREEMENT WITH LEGISLATIVE LEADERS THAT PRECLUDES THE NEED FOR  
25 SUCH CUTS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOLLOW UP QUESTION. THIS BORROWING BUSINESS,  
3 I'VE HEARD OTHER PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT. I'VE NOT HEARD IT COME  
4 OUT OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE YET, NOT AT LEAST THAT I'VE HEARD.  
5 AND I'M A BIT PERPLEXED BECAUSE FOR US TO BORROW THIS KIND OF  
6 MONEY, IF WE WERE INCLINED TO DO IT, AS WE DISCUSSED  
7 YESTERDAY, ONCE WE DO IT, WE OWN IT. YOU BACKFILL A STATE  
8 PROGRAM, YOU OWN IT.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LEAVING THAT ASIDE, THAT'S MORE THAN A  
13 PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUE, BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, HOW DO YOU--  
14 HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE TREASURER ABOUT WHETHER WE WOULD BE IN  
15 A POSITION TO BORROW 100 OR \$200 MILLION A MONTH, OR MORE  
16 DEPENDING UPON WHAT THE STATE HIT IS AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS  
17 CORRECT, THOSE ARE THE NUMBER OF VOTES THAT IT TAKES TO-- IT'S  
18 EITHER THREE VOTES MOVING THAT WAY OR 54 VOTES MOVING THE  
19 OTHER WAY. IT'S THAT CLOSE BUT THAT FAR APART. AND THE  
20 STUBBORNNESS IS NOT SERVING ANYBODY WELL. BUT EVEN IF THOSE  
21 THREE MOVE, THEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT, THE IMPACT OF THAT  
22 DEAL IS. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT WHATEVER DEAL IS MADE,  
23 IT AIN'T GOING TO BE GOOD FOR L.A. COUNTY OR FOR ANY OTHER  
24 COUNTY AND MAYBE CITY AND THE STATE BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE  
25 SOMETHING OUT OF OUR HIDE. SO HERE'S OUR QUESTION. WORST CASE



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1 OR BEST CASE SCENARIO, HOW DO YOU BORROW MONEY WHEN YOU'RE A  
2 COUNTY WHEN THE STATE IS LOSING ITS BOND RATINGS AS FAST AS  
3 THE RAIN IS FALLING AND THE SNOW IS FALLING IN THE SIERRA? HOW  
4 DO YOU BORROW MONEY WHEN YOU HAVE NO WAY OF CONVINCING THE  
5 FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY THE MONEY  
6 BACK? IN OTHER WORDS, WHY WOULD I BUY A LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 BOND, I'LL BE VERY BLUNT, WHY WOULD ANYBODY BUY A LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY BOND WHEN THE REASON FOR THE BOND IS THAT THEY'RE  
9 BROKE? AND THE REASON THEY'RE BROKE IS THAT THE STATE HASN'T  
10 DELIVERED ON THEIR END OF THE BARGAIN AND THERE'S NO REASON TO  
11 BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL EVEN IF THEY PASS A BUDGET, THERE'S  
12 GOING TO BE PROBABLY INTO 9 FIGURES OF HITS OVER A PERIOD OF  
13 12 TO 18 MONTHS. SO JUST HOLDING OUT THE HOPE OR THE STRATEGY  
14 THAT WE COULD BORROW OUR WAY OUT OF THIS I THINK I'D LIKE TO  
15 HEAR MORE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I PROBABLY SHOULD MAKE IT REAL CLEAR. ONE,  
18 YES, WE CAN. WE WOULD HAVE TO ESTABLISH SOME COLLATERAL FOR  
19 THAT. BUT WHAT I HAD MENTIONED IS PRIOR TO THAT, THERE WOULD  
20 BE THE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE  
21 WITH PROGRAMS. BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. IF WE CONTINUE WITH A  
22 PROGRAM, WE OWN THE PROGRAM. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY  
23 SPECIFICS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE ONCE WE START TALKING ABOUT  
24 WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE WITH THE CRITICAL SOCIAL PROGRAM,  
25 IT CREATES THAT PANIC. BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE SEQUENCE



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1 WILL BE IN THE BEGINNING PART OF THAT SEQUENCE IS THE FIRST  
2 QUESTION: DO WE CONTINUE WITH THAT PROGRAM? DO WE BACKFILL? OR  
3 DO WE STOP THAT PROGRAM?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE AN EXERCISE GOING ON RIGHT NOW  
6 WHERE YOU ARE IDENTIFYING WHAT PROGRAMS ARE MANDATED AND WHAT  
7 PROGRAMS ARE NOT?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE ARE DOING THAT. WE ARE IDENTIFYING  
10 THAT. WE ARE ALSO IDENTIFYING-- THERE ARE PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
11 FUNDED IN OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IF WE DECIDE  
12 TO STOP THOSE PROGRAMS, THERE ARE HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF  
13 STAFF WHO WORK EVERY DAY ADMINISTERING THOSE PROGRAMS, WHO  
14 PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. THERE'S A SIMPLE  
15 CONSEQUENCE. FOR EVERY MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE CUT IN SOME OF  
16 OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL PROGRAMS, WE'RE TALKING SEVERAL HUNDRED--  
17 WELL NOT SEVERAL HUNDRED, I HAVE THE FIGURE HERE. FOR EVERY  
18 MILLION DOLLARS, IN SOME OF OUR SOCIAL PROGRAMS, IT BUYS  
19 APPROXIMATELY 170 POSITIONS. THERE WILL BE A STAFF CONSEQUENCE  
20 THAT WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND THAT CONSEQUENCE, WE  
21 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY THOSE SALARIES. AND SO AS PART OF A  
22 DISCUSSION, BECAUSE WE'VE DONE, AS A COUNTY WE'VE TAKEN EVERY  
23 STEP POSSIBLE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS SINCE I WOULD SAY ABOUT  
24 '95 TO AVOIDING LAYOFFS. BUT IF WE START CURTAILING PROGRAMS,



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1 THAT DECISION HAS TO BE MADE. I DO NOT WANT TO PUT THAT WORD  
2 OUT THERE BECAUSE THAT ALSO CREATES PANIC.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. AND I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. BUT  
5 THE THING WE'VE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO DO IS THE FLIPSIDE, WHICH  
6 IS NOT TO HOLD OUT THE HOPE THAT WE CAN BORROW OUR WAY THROUGH  
7 IT. THAT SENDS A MESSAGE UP NORTH AND ELSEWHERE THAT NO MATTER  
8 WHAT HAPPENS, IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
9 OKAY. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IF THEY DON'T RESOLVE THIS  
10 ISSUE IN SOME KIND OF A RESPONSIBLE WAY, THERE IS NO WAY WE'RE  
11 GOING TO BORROW OUR WAY OUT OF IT, I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH WE  
12 THINK WE WANT TO DO. WE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT A MONTH AGO,  
13 I DID WITH SOME OF YOUR FOLKS, ABOUT COLLATERALIZATION. I  
14 THINK WITH MR. TOKADA, AND WE WENT THROUGH A LIST, THERE'S  
15 PRACTICALLY NOT A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY OWNS THAT  
16 ISN'T COLLATERALIZED ALREADY. WHAT COLLATERAL DO WE HAVE TO  
17 PUT UP TO BORROW IF WALL STREET DOESN'T BUY OUR LINE, OUR  
18 STORY? THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO  
19 CONVEY THE SERIOUSNESS OF IT AND THE DEPTH OF IT, AND THE  
20 POTENTIAL, THIS FIRECRACKER OR PILE OF FIRE CRACKERS IS ABOUT  
21 TO GO OFF. ONCE YOU LIGHT THE FUSE, YOU'RE RIGHT, JUST TO USE  
22 A MORE COLORFUL LANGUAGE THAN THE C.E.O. USED, BUT ONCE YOU  
23 LIGHT THE FUSE, YOU CAN'T STOP IT. IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE WHAT  
24 WE HAD THE FIRES UP IN SYLMAR. ONCE IT STARTS, YOU CAN'T STOP  
25 IT.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU. AND I  
3 WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT WE READILY AND QUICKLY GO OUT AND  
4 BORROW MONEY. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT IF WE WERE TO ANNOUNCE A  
5 SIGNIFICANT CURTAILMENT IN OUR HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS, THERE  
6 WILL BE FOUR PEOPLE-- THERE WILL BE 40 PEOPLE, THERE WILL BE A  
7 NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING ACROSS THE WAY TO COURT TO GET AN  
8 INJUNCTION ON US IMMEDIATELY. AT THAT POINT WE WILL HAVE NO  
9 CHOICE BUT TO FIND A WAY TO PAY FOR THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, NO, THAT IS NOT THE ONLY CHOICE. IT IS  
12 TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO  
13 DO, AND THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO DO. LOOK,  
14 YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN THAT SITUATION WHETHER WE LIKE IT, YOU  
15 LIKE IT, ALL OF US LIKE IT OR NOT, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK  
16 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BORROW THIS KIND OF MONEY, IF  
17 THAT'S THE NUT THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE IN A MONTH OR TWO. YOU  
18 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BORROW ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS, I DON'T  
19 THINK SO. AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR US TO  
20 GO OUT AND BORROW MONEY WHEN WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO  
21 PAY IT BACK. WE HAVE NOTHING TO COLLATERALIZE IT WITH. EVERY  
22 PROBATION CAMP IS COLLATERALIZED. THIS BUILDING IS  
23 COLLATERALIZED. I DON'T KNOW IF THE MARINA STILL IS. SOMETIMES  
24 IT IS, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T. EVERYTHING THAT WE OWN HAS BEEN  
25 COLLATERALIZED FOR SOME BORROWING. AND THEN YOU GUYS HAD SOME



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1 IDEAS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOW YOU WOULD PROCEED. SO  
2 I DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH LEFT TO SHOW A BORROWER-- I'M  
3 SORRY, A LENDER-- THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE GOOD ON OUR  
4 COMMITMENTS. AND I TELL YOU IF I WAS SITTING-- IF I WAS A  
5 RETIRED PERSON IN ARKANSAS AND I WAS LOOKING TO BUY BONDS,  
6 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THIS WOULDN'T BE ONE. I WOULD CHARGE YOU AN  
7 INTEREST RATE SO HIGH. OR I'D DO SOMETHING SAFE. LIKE ARKANSAS  
8 BONDS OR SOMETHING. ANYWAY, THAT'S A POINT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A VALID POINT. I THINK THE FACT  
11 IS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IN THAT POSITION TO BORROW. EVEN  
12 THOUGH WE MAY BE FORCED AT HAND TO TRY IT, I THINK THE GRAVITY  
13 OF THE SITUATION DICTATES THAT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED AND RUN  
14 ALL THESE THINGS IN THE SAME TRACK TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE  
15 AT. TODAY THIS ACTION WE'RE TAKING IS THE FIRST STEP. MARK?  
16 THEN MIKE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO INDICATE THAT  
19 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS ENGAGED IN MORE BORROWING THAN CAN  
20 BE IMAGINABLE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS. THE LEGISLATIVE  
21 OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO BOTH HOUSES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE THAT THIS IS NO WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD. IT IS  
23 EXPENSIVE BEYOND BELIEF. AND THE DIFFERENCES IN THE  
24 DISCUSSIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE OVER AGAINST THE CONVERSATION,  
25 THE DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING HERE, IS AS FOLLOWS: THE ONLY





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1 REASON THAT THE GOVERNOR SOUGHT TO BORROW, TO BOND, ET CETERA,  
2 WAS LARGELY POLITICAL AS A SOLUTION TO GET OUT OF THE DEEP  
3 DEBT THAT THE STATE WAS IN WHEN HE FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE.  
4 BECAUSE HE HAD MADE A PUBLIC COMMITMENT, YOU'LL RECALL,  
5 CAMPAIGNED ON NO NEW INCREASES IN TAXES, FEES, ET CETERA.  
6 THEREFORE, THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE DEFICIT THAT  
7 CONFRONTED THE STATE. TWO YEARS LATER, A SIMILAR SCENARIO  
8 PRESENTED ITSELF. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THE FIRST SHOT ACROSS  
9 THE BOW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAS WITH THE REPEAL OF THE VEHICLE  
10 LICENSE FEE. NOW THERE'S A SCRAMBLE TO RESTORE IT. THAT WAS  
11 PUBLIC SAFETY DOLLARS, BOTH POLICE AND FIRE, SHERIFFS.  
12 THEREFORE, THEY WERE VERY ACTIVE IN RESISTING THAT BEING  
13 REPEALED. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE DISCUSSIONS HERE, AS I HEAR  
14 THEM, GO TO THE ISSUE OF THE FISCAL CRISIS AND/OR THE  
15 FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT WOULD BE FACED BY THE COUNTY TO MEET  
16 ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ITS RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. A FISCAL  
17 CRISIS, FINANCIAL CHALLENGE IS VERY DIFFERENT AS A RATIONALE  
18 FOR BORROWING WHEN COMPARED TO LARGELY A POLITICAL DECISION  
19 THAT HAD TO BE MADE JUST TO GET A DEAL DONE. AND I CAN ASSURE  
20 YOU THAT MUCH OF THE DELAY TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES,  
21 IS PRECISELY THAT. AND IF IN FACT WE ARE UNWILLING TO  
22 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, WE ARE NOT ENGAGING THE PROBLEM WHICH  
23 FUNDAMENTALLY EXISTS. THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF THE INCAPACITY  
24 TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW. IT IS  
25 POLITICAL GRIDLOCK, WRIT LARGE. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU WERE TO



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1 RELEASE ALL PRISONERS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A SOLUTION IF YOU'RE  
2 TALKING ABOUT CUTTING. IF YOU WERE TO CLOSE U.C., THE ENTIRETY  
3 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM, IT IS INSUFFICIENT  
4 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFICIT. YOU CAN GO ON AND ON. AND ANY  
5 OTHER DISCUSSIONS IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION, THE AREA OF  
6 HEALTHCARE AND THE LIKE BEGIN TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE VERY  
7 ESSENCE OF WHY THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT EXISTS, TO PROVIDE  
8 THOSE SERVICES. AND IT IS NOT PURELY OR SIMPLY A MATTER OF THE  
9 NUMBERS. IT IS THE MATTER OF THE POLITICS, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE IRONY OF ALL THAT, THE RELEASED  
12 PRISONERS PROBABLY WILL GO ON THE COUNTY DOLE. THAT'S THE  
13 IRONY OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES IS  
14 THAT OUR SYSTEM BECOMES OVERWHELMED BY THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE  
15 OBLIGATED BY LAW TO PERFORM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO CONCLUDE. WE CAN'T BORROW  
18 BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AS STATED. WE DON'T HAVE THE EQUITY.  
19 WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PUT UP MONEY FOR WITH ANY GUARANTEE  
20 THAT IT CAN BE REIMBURSED. AND WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY HAVE A  
21 LIST OF CUTS THAT HAVE TO BE MADE IF THE STATE FAILS TO CARRY  
22 OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. IT CAN ONLY RESULT IN CUTTING, NOT  
23 BORROWING.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR  
2   WILL MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE C.E.O. SECONDED BY  
3   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AS AMENDED. THAT'S CLEARLY  
4   UNDERSTOOD? OKAY.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE FREEZE, MR. FUJIOKA, WHEN THERE'S AN  
7   UNFREEZE, DOES YOUR MEMO GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THOSE  
8   DETERMINATIONS? OR ARE THERE ANY THAT COME BACK TO US FOR  
9   APPROVAL?

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11   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE'RE ASKING FOR THAT  
12   AUTHORITY.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THAT AUTHORITY?

15

16   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE HAVE-- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OF COURSE  
17   WILL EVOLVE OVER TIME. IF THERE ARE ISSUES, I WOULD SUGGEST  
18   YOU HAVE IT COME BACK WITH A REPORT THAT SPEAKS TO WHAT TYPE  
19   OF REQUEST FOR EITHER APPROVING OR DENYING. IT CAN BE VISITED  
20   ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST AMEND THIS TO ASK FOR EVERY  
23   FOUR WEEKS THAT YOU PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT ON WHAT  
24   THE IMPACT OF YOUR BUDGET IS.

25



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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WORKS.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE WITH THAT AND I'LL SECOND THAT  
4    AMENDMENT. BUT I THINK ALSO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE  
5    DISCUSSED LAST WEEK WAS TO KEEP THIS PARTICULAR ITEM ON THE  
6    AGENDA EACH AND EVERY WEEK BOTH AS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM AND  
7    AS A PUBLIC ITEM. SO THAT WHATEVER CHANGES ARE TAKEN, BECAUSE  
8    THIS IS A MOVING TARGET, THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT  
9    AND NOT WORRY ABOUT A GREEN SHEET OR ANYTHING ELSE TO MAKE  
10    SURE.

11

12    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WEEKLY REPORTS ARE IN ORDER, MR. CHAIR. DO  
13    YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF THE TIME PARAMETERS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
14    FREEZE, MR. FUJIOKA? WAS THERE ANY COMMENT TO THAT EFFECT? IS  
15    IT OPEN-ENDED?

16

17    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE SENSITIVITY WITH RESPECT TO THE FREEZE?

18

19    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THE TIME LIMITS.

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21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LENGTH OF THE FREEZE.

22

23    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OF THE SIGNING OF THE FREEZE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG WILL THE POLICY BE ENFORCED I THINK  
2    IS THE QUESTION?

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4    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK UNTIL THE BOARD STATES OTHERWISE.  
5    RIGHT NOW THIS IS NOT A SHORT-TERM ISSUE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE  
6    THIS AT THE MINIMUM THROUGH THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR  
7    BECAUSE WE NEED-- IN OUR SCOPING FOR NEXT YEAR, WE ASSUMED  
8    \$100 MILLION WOULD CARRY OVER FROM THIS YEAR TO NEXT YEAR TO  
9    BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE'RE FAR SHORT OF THAT.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ARTICULATE  
12   THAT.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I REALLY DON'T THINK WE NEED THE FOUR-  
15   WEEK THING BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IT EVERY WEEK.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS LONG AS HE REPORTS WHEN WE REPORT.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WEEKLY.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON MR.  
22   RIDLEY-THOMAS'S LAST COMMENT, MAYBE WHEN YOU BRING THE NEXT  
23   FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FORWARD, THIS ISSUE CAN BE VISITED, THIS  
24   POLICY SHOULD BE VISITED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, EITHER  
25   CONTINUING IT INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OR NOT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THAT POINT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL MAKE  
5 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STAFFING AND NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS. SO IT  
6 WON'T BE A QUESTION OF FREEZING. IT WILL BE A QUESTION OF  
7 WHETHER OR NOT THEY EVEN HAVE THE POSITION. THAT'S HOW SERIOUS  
8 IT IS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITH THAT, WITH NO OBJECTIONS, SO  
13 ORDERED. I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THE FORMAL AGENDA. WE HAVE  
14 PUBLIC COMMENTS. RIGHT, BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I  
15 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A MOTION?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. JUST BRIEFLY, SOME  
18 OF US WE'VE ALREADY LEARNED ABOUT THE DISTURBANCE AT CAMP  
19 SCUDDER. AND I WISH TO HIGHLIGHT THE REPORT FROM THE PROBATION  
20 DEPARTMENT, THIS DISTURBANCE, NAMELY A FIGHT, ENSUED, SPECIFIC  
21 AS IT RELATES TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT,  
22 MINORS, APPROXIMATELY 16 OF THEM WERE INVOLVED. I THINK WE  
23 NEED TO HEAR FROM BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE CHIEF PROBATION  
24 OFFICER WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 14 DAYS AT THE MOST ABOUT THIS  
25 INCIDENT. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WORK OF THESE FACILITIES



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1 IS TO REDIRECT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARD DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE  
2 LIFE SKILLS, THE FREQUENCY OF THESE CONFRONTATIONS AND ALL OF  
3 THE PARTICULARITIES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THEM NEED TO BE  
4 BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITH A FULL FORTHRIGHT REPORT. AND  
5 I'LL LET THAT SUFFICE FOR THE TIME BEING, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S JUST A REQUEST FOR REPORT BACK.  
8 WE CAN DO THAT. WE CAN TAKE THAT ACTION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10 ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IF I MAY, MAY I CALL TO THE ATTENTION  
13 OF THE BOARD, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE AT  
14 THE ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH RECENTLY WHERE A HOUSE OF  
15 WORSHIP WAS LITERALLY RANSACKED? I MEAN THE DESECRATION, I'LL  
16 SPARE YOU THE DETAILS, BUT I CALL IT TO OUR COLLECTIVE  
17 ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO PERHAPS POST A REWARD, BUT  
18 BEYOND THAT, TO CONSCRIPT THE SERVICES OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS  
19 COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER. I WILL CIRCLE BACK NEXT WEEK--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE A MOTION FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE  
22 REWARD? WE CAN DO THAT BECAUSE THAT'S A WEEKLY THING. SO DO  
23 YOU HAVE AN AMOUNT THERE?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE STANDARD AMOUNT IS-- IS IT NOT  
2    \$10,000?

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4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF THAT'S AN ORDER,  
5    I'D BE PREPARED TO PROCEED. WE CAN HARDLY TOLERATE HOUSES OF  
6    WORSHIP BEING VANDALIZED AND THE LIKE. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT  
7    IS THE CASE--

8

9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES YOUR STAFF HAVE A COPY OF THE  
10    MOTION SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAN DULY RECORD IT?

11

12    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO YOU IN SHORT  
13    ORDER.

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, POST  
16    A REWARD IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE OF \$10,000 AS WELL AS  
17    INVOLVING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE DESECRATION  
18    THAT OCCURRED AT, IS IT ST. MARK'S?

19

20    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** METHODIST CHURCH.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE  
23    CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. MR.  
24    YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAD FORGOTTEN TO  
2    INTRODUCE THIS EARLIER. I THINK THIS IS A REPORT BACK. I'VE  
3    ALREADY DISCUSSED IT WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I WON'T  
4    READ THE WHOLE THING IN THE INTEREST OF TIME. BUT IT ALSO  
5    DEALS WITH THE PROBATION ISSUE AND THE STAFFING, BOTH NURSES  
6    AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT OUR CAMPS. IT'S PRESENTED  
7    JOINTLY BY MYSELF AND MR. ANTONOVICH. AND IT DIRECTS THE  
8    C.E.O., ALONG WITH THE VARIOUS APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS, TO FILL  
9    THE POSITIONS AND FINISH THE MODULAR UNITS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY  
10   BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD. I DON'T WANT TO CONNECT THE TWO  
11   DOTS, BUT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT THIS MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO  
12   DO WITH WHAT HAPPENS.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR REPORT  
16   BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ANY OTHER MOTION  
17   MOTIONS? IF NOT, WE WILL PROCEED WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS. WOULD  
18   ASK THAT DAVID LOYOLA JOIN US. MICHAEL CRAWFORD. RICHARD  
19   ROBINSON? IF YOU WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD? OKAY,  
20   SIR.

21

22   **DAVID LOYOLA:** MY NAME IS DAVID EDUARDO LOYOLA. AND IT IS FOR  
23   THE FIRST TIME A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET IN PERSON ONE OF THE  
24   GREATEST SUPERVISORS, MRS. GLORIA MOLINA. I HAVE KNOWN MRS.  
25   MOLINA FOR MANY YEARS. THAT'S MY FIRST TIME I SAW HER IN



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1 PERSON. BUT I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE  
2 FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND MORE IMPORTANT, THERE IS THREE OR FOUR  
3 ISSUES, AND I WILL BE VERY FAST. THE OFFICE OF MRS. GLORIA  
4 MOLINA AND MRS. SUSAN MANRIQUE IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST  
5 OFFICE, POLITICAL OFFICE. WHY? BECAUSE WHEN YOU CALL TO MRS.  
6 GLORIA MOLINA, BECAUSE THE CLIENTS OR A PERSON HAVING AN  
7 ISSUE, YOU RECEIVE A RESPONSE IN TWO DAYS. AND IN ONE WEEK,  
8 THERE IS A LETTER BY MAIL. AND THEY REFER. MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
9 THAT, MANY TIMES WE APPROACHING THE OFFICE OF THE MRS. MOLINA  
10 WITH SOME KIND OF OTHER PROBLEMS. SOMETIMES, YOU HAVE NO  
11 JURISDICTION, MRS. MOLINA., BUT SHE'S VERY DEDICATED. SHE  
12 CONTACT THE \_\_\_\_\_, CONTACTED BECERA WHATEVER IS THE PERSON  
13 NECESSARILY, THE OFFICE OF MRS. GLORIA MOLINA NEVER LEFT A  
14 PERSON EMPTY HANDS. FOR THAT, I CONGRATULATE HER FOR ALL THE  
15 WORK THAT SHE HAS BEEN DONE. I LIKE IT. TODAY IS GREATEST DAY  
16 OF MY LIFE. I CAN I CAN SEE YOU IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME.  
17 BUT ALSO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE TO MRS. GLORIA MOLINA, A  
18 GRACIOUS AND ALSO ANGIE MELENDEZ FOR THE WORK, WORKING  
19 TOGETHER, A COUNCILMAN AND A SUPERVISOR, AND THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS, WHEN YOU CREATED THE NEW RAMPART POLICE  
21 DEPARTMENT DIVISION ON SIXTH STREET AND NEAR ALVARADO OR  
22 UNION, YOU HAVE CREATED A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM. DO YOU KNOW  
23 WHY? BECAUSE ALL THE TIME THE OLD RAMPART OF THE PAST HAS BEEN  
24 GONE. TODAY WE HAVE MR. SEAN EGAN, SUSAN SERRANO, THE  
25 MENTALITY OF THE PERSON OR THE CAPTAIN IS A SOCIAL WORKER



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1 AGENCY, THEY ARE WORKING LIKE THE BOBBIES IN ENGLAND. THEY  
2 WANT TO BE SOCIAL. THE PEOPLE GO TOGETHER. AND MORE IMPORTANT,  
3 I SPOKE TO CAPTAIN EGAN. DO YOU KNOW YOUR PLACE IS SO NICE  
4 THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT SCARED OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY  
5 PLAY AROUND. THEY ARE WITH THE FAMILY. AND THEY ARE ALL  
6 TOGETHER. AND I BELIEVE THAT IS THE GREATEST GOAL THAT LOS  
7 ANGELES HAS BEEN CREATING. A NEW VISION FROM THE POLICE  
8 DEPARTMENT WITH A VISION THE NEW CENTURY. MRS. MOLINA, GOD  
9 BLESS YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE MRS. MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
12 YOU ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES, BUT TIME'S UP. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY.  
13 THANK YOU. WE DON'T GET MANY OF THOSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
14 YES, SIR.

15

16 **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** YES, MY NAME IS MICHAEL CRAWFORD. I'M HERE  
17 SEEKING SOME KIND OF HELP. I HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF STALKING  
18 HARASSMENT GOING ON NINE YEARS NOW, STEMMING FROM SANTA MONICA  
19 CITY COLLEGE AND WEST SIDE. I'VE BEEN FALSELY PUT IN JAIL. I  
20 CAN'T HAVE MY CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCED UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES. I  
21 HAVE TEACHERS AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE WHO PUT THEIR HAND IN MY  
22 FACE, ALSO MR. LONG. I HAVE POLICE AT SANTA MONICA CITY  
23 COLLEGE PRESS FALSE CHARGES OVER ME. AT THE GROVE, THE BEVERLY  
24 CENTER, I HAVE PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO CAN PUT THEIR HANDS IN MY  
25 FACE, BUMP INTO ME. JEWISH WOMEN WALK THEIR BABY CARRIAGES AT



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1 ME, WALK THEIR CHILDREN INTO ME. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING. I HAVE  
2 MY HANDS CUFFED FOR A DOG LICKING MY CUP OF COFFEE AND YET  
3 THERE'S NO CHARGES FILED. POLICE COME AROUND AND SAY WE'RE  
4 BOTH RESPONSIBLE. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR NINE YEARS. AS OF  
5 2006, WEST ANGELES CHURCH DECIDED TO GET INVOLVED. AND  
6 THEREFORE SINCE THEN I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF BLACK  
7 WILLIE LYNCHERS COMING AROUND ME, HARASSING ME. DAVIS CULP,  
8 WHO IS A TEACHER AT SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE, GAVE ME THE  
9 PAPER ON WILLIE LYNCHES. I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM EVERY DAY.  
10 I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE CAN I GO? WHO CAN I TURN TO GO GET  
11 SOMETHING DONE? MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, WHEN I WAS LIVING DOWN  
12 TOWN ON SKID ROW. THE BLACK PEOPLE DOWN THERE STARTED TO DO  
13 THE SAME THINGS. THE CRACK HEADS IN THE WELDON HOTEL WERE  
14 DOING. I WANT TO KNOW AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, WHERE CAN I GO TO  
15 WITHOUT GETTING A RUN AROUND?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OBVIOUSLY YOU NEED THE LEGAL ACCESS. AND  
18 YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY.

19

20 **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** I HAVE CALLED THE F.B.I. I CALLED THE  
21 A.C.L.U.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY.

24



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1   **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I GOT NO MONEY. I'M  
2   ON S.S.I. I SPENT NINE MONTHS IN JAIL BECAUSE OF THIS STUFF  
3   GOING ON, AND NOT THREE LAWYERS, I KNOW TWO OF THEM WERE  
4   JEWISH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER ONE. BUT MY MOTHER IS OUT  
5   OF \$4,000 AND SHE'S ON S.S.I. I'M OUT OF SKID ROW BACK IN MY  
6   MOTHER'S HOUSE AND NOTHING STOPS. AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY  
7   KNOWS ABOUT IT AND THINKS IT'S A JOKE. I MEAN IF ALL THE BAD  
8   THINGS THAT ARE SAID ABOUT ME AND I'M VIEWED THE WAY I AM AND  
9   I'M RIDING A BUS, IT SEEMS SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH  
10   SOMETHING AFTER NINE YEARS. I MEAN I JUST FIND IT KIND OF  
11   IRONIC THAT I GOT ALL KIND OF POLICE AROUND ME, PEOPLE AROUND  
12   ME THAT I DO NOT KNOW, LYING ON ME AND THEY CAN'T PROVE  
13   NOTHING. YET PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO BUMP IN ME. IT'S A JOKE.  
14   RUN THEIR BABY CARRIAGE AT ME IS A JOKE. I MEAN THAT'S KIND OF  
15   ABSURD.

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.  
18   AGAIN, YOU NEED TO ACCESS AN ATTORNEY IS ABOUT ALL I CAN SAY  
19   AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT, BECAUSE IT RELATES TO HARASSMENT,  
20   CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION. RICHARD ROBINSON, ARE YOU STILL HERE?  
21   PARDON ME? OKAY. HILLARIE LEVY AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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23   **HILLARIE LEVY:** MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY. I JUST PROVIDED EACH  
24   SUPERVISOR WITH THE DECEMBER 11TH, 2008 FAIR POLITICAL  
25   PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN SACRAMENTO. AGENDA NUMBER



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9 CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 AND A  
\$200 FINE BY A DESIGNEE WITH THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION  
COMMISSION, A 15-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
DESPITE RECEIVING THREE WARNINGS FOR ONE YEAR BY THE F.P.P.C.,  
FAILED TO REPORT THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST WHICH  
PREVENTS EMPLOYEES FROM MAKING GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS  
AFFECTING THEIR PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS. THE BOARD'S  
DISTURBING RESPONSE BY INTERRUPTING AND CUTTING MY SPEECH AS I  
ATTEMPTED TO NOTIFY THEM OF ADDITIONAL ILLEGAL EMPLOYEE  
ACTIONS, DEMONSTRATES, DESPITE ALL THE DRAMA, THEIR INABILITY  
AND LACK OF PRIORITY IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE. INSTEAD OF  
EXCUSES, L.A. CONSTITUENTS DESERVE BETTER THAN A BOARD WHICH  
RESPONDS TO ILLEGAL EMPLOYEE ACTIONS ONLY WHEN THE L.A. TIMES  
REPORTS IT FIRST. PLEASE CONSIDER AN L.A. COUNTY ETHICS  
COMMITTEE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS COMPROMISED OF  
VOLUNTEER CITIZENS, FOCUSING ON CURTAILING EMPLOYEE VIOLATIONS  
AND USE OF LOOP HOLES AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO 6.09  
OF THE L.A. COUNTY CODE BY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF MONITORING  
SALARIED EMPLOYEES. INSTEAD OF THE CONTINUED NON-RESPONSE TO  
IDEAS FOR CORRECTION, A PROACTIVE STANCE WOULD REDUCE  
LIABILITY AND EMBARRASSMENT THESE EMPLOYEES CAUSE L.A. COUNTY.

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD?





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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. THIS WEEK, THE M.T.A.  
2   WILL BE HOLDING HEARINGS REGARDING REDUCING BUS SERVICE AGAIN  
3   ANNUALLY, AS THEY DO. IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND,  
4   THERE ARE HEARINGS THIS WEEK. ONE IS IN WEST WOOD, ONE IS IN  
5   CARSON TONIGHT. THERE'S ONE IN THE WATER CENTER AT FIRESTONE,  
6   I BELIEVE? ALL THIS WEEK. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE A HEARING AND YOU  
7   ARE A BUS RIDER, PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO THE M.T.A. BOARD.  
8   AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL SAY THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THESE BUS  
9   SERVICE CUTS. THE PAST M.T.A. BOARD MEETING, THE M.T.A. BOARD,  
10   IN THEIR WISDOM, WHICH I VOTED TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR MORE  
11   STUDIES FOR THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SUBWAY  
12   TO THE SEA FOR THE MID CITY, THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, ALSO  
13   KNOWN AS THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE, AND FOR I BELIEVE THE EAST  
14   SIDE EXTENSION? AND ALTHOUGH I AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR THE  
15   RAIL SYSTEMS, ENOUGH OF THE STUDIES. THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR,  
16   THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE, THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE STARTED  
17   OPERATING IN 1980. SO THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A STUDY DONE PRIOR  
18   TO THAT THAT WOULD HAVE ENHANCED OR ENCOMPASSED THE ROUTE OF  
19   THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE. ANOTHER STUDY? WHAT FOR? THE RED LINE  
20   WAS PROPOSED BY FORMER MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, OR I SHOULD SAY THE  
21   SUBWAY TO THE SEA TO RUN DOWN WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. IT THEN  
22   MUSHROOMED INTO 17 OTHER ROUTES.

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24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WAS CALLED A 30-YEAR PLAN.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHATEVER IT WAS CALLED. THERE'S ANOTHER NAME FOR  
2   IT, TOO. WHY 17 ROUTES? ENOUGH STUDIES. WHAT WOULD REALLY BE  
3   WONDERFUL IS TO GET AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW MUCH THE M.T.A. HAS  
4   SPENT ON STUDYING THESE DIFFERENT RAIL LINES FOR THE LAST, OH  
5   I DON'T KNOW, 25 YEARS? THEY'RE NOT STUDYING BUYING PROPERTY.  
6   THEY'RE BUYING PROPERTY FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION. NOT GOING  
7   TO USE THE RIGHT OF WAY THAT THEY OWN. BUT IF AND WHEN THE  
8   FOOTHILL EXTENSION GETS BUILT, IT WILL END UP GOING TO THE  
9   PROPERTY THAT THE M.T.A. HAS BOUGHT INSTEAD OF PROVIDING BUS  
10  SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

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12  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I THINK THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC  
13  COMMENT. IF YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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15  **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
16  NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
17  CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,  
18  CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF  
19  LITIGATION (TWO CASES), AND ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH  
20  LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
21  AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE  
22  NOTE THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
23  SUPERVISORS WILL BE FEBRUARY 17TH, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M. THANK  
24  YOU.

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1   REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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5   CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6   (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7   Initiation of litigation (two cases) (09-0178)

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9   ACTION TAKEN: The Board of Supervisors authorized County

10   Counsel to initiate or join litigation against the State

11   Controller challenging his deferral of payment of funds to the  
12   County.

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14   The vote of the Board was: Ayes: Supervisors Molina,

15   Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Knabe

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17   Noes: None

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19   Abstention: Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

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21   No reportable action was taken on item CS-2.

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